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Springs Fire travels south into Wild Horse Canyon

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SPRINGS FIRE OVERVIEW

Yesterday: Fire personnel continued to monitor the Springs Fire after fire activity increased, due to drier conditions, following a week of monsoon weather. Crews reinforced Forest Road 746, a designated perimeter road, with burn out operations. Fire managers expect the lightning-caused wildfire to reach its pre-established southeastern boundary within the next several days.

Today: Fire personnel will continue to monitor and reinforce Forest Road 57A and Forest Road 746, as the fire activity moves slowly towards the south around Wild Horse Canyon. As the wildfire reaches these designated perimeter roads, it is expected to burn out on its own, as fire managers have been planning since the discovery of the naturally-ignited Springs Fire in early July.

Smoke: Smoke impacts to both Wild Horse and Sycamore canyons and farther south are possible as the Springs Fire continues to slowly back through the area. The Parks and Bellemont communities may also notice smoke over the next several days, as the wildfire burns through the remaining portion of the planning area established for its natural spread. As the wildfire reaches pre-determined perimeter roads in the coming days, fire activity and smoke production are expected to decrease significantly.

Closures: The Summit Mountain Trail (#68) continues to be closed until Sept. 30 or until Closure Order 07-15-01-F is rescinded. The trail was closed on July 30 due to the Springs Fire activity.

Size: 6,287 acres

Start Date: July 2, 2015

Location: 9 miles southeast of Williams, near the intersection of County Road 73/Perkinsville Road, or the "South Road," and Forest Road 354, near Davenport Knoll and Summit Mountain.

Additional Springs Fire information, photos and maps are available through the following resources:
InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4391/#>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404.

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