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### **District Suppressing The Trail Fire; Managing Another**

FREDONIA, Ariz. – Fire crews under the direction of the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest worked through the weekend to suppress a new fire, believed to have been caused by lightning.

The Trail Fire was discovered Saturday, August 15, burning through ponderosa pine forest in the Orderville Canyon area, about seven miles northeast of Jacob Lake. More than 100 personnel were involved in the suppression effort, which included the use of hand crews, engines, bulldozers, airtankers and a helicopter.

The North Kaibab district takes many factors into account when deciding whether to manage a lightning-caused fire for resource benefits. Those factors include weather, terrain, fuels, fire behavior, the availability of firefighting resources and the amount of time needed to establish a defined management area, among other things. In this case, the North Kaibab district decided to suppress the Trail Fire due to dry conditions, strong winds, increased fire behavior and the close proximity of some sensitive species.

The fire currently covers an area of about 80 acres. Firefighters expect to reach full containment sometime today.

Elsewhere on the North Kaibab district, the managed Pipeline Fire continued to grow over the weekend, covering an additional 200 acres since Friday. The Pipeline Fire has been managed for resource benefits since it was discovered July 22 by the Big Springs Lookout. Now encompassing about 1,200 acres, the fire is expected to reach the limits of its 1501-acre defined management area by the end of the week.

On Friday, firefighters began burnout operations along Forest Road 447 to prepare for the Pipeline Fire's growth. Crews continue to monitor smoke impacts along that road for public safety. The public is encouraged to use caution when travelling in the area of Forest Road 447 and to be on the lookout for fire and smoke.

The Dee Fire, which reached the limits of its 217-acre defined management area last week, continues to smoke. Crews continue to monitor that fire, located about two miles southwest of Mile-and-a-half Lake.

Both the Dee and Pipeline fires are managed for resource benefits, such as reducing the accumulation of ground fuels, which can lead to larger, more destructive fires, and allowing for the ecological benefits of fire, which promote general forest health.

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