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Alder Fire at 239 Acres

Heber-Overgaard, AZ; June 28, 2015; The [Alder Fire](#) is burning west of Alder and east Chevelon Canyons, approximately 13 miles northwest of the community of Forest Lakes. The fire is located in Coconino County east of Forest Service Road (FSR) 34, and west of FSR 169 on Sand Point. Fire management staff is managing the lightning-caused wildfire to remove hazardous fuels, improve wildlife habitat, increase forage for livestock and ungulates, reduce the risk of crown fires, and thin overstocked forest.

The fire is still burning in pine stringers throughout the management area. Fire behavior continues to smolder and creep along the ground through grass and brush. Resource specialists were able to visit the fire today to continue quantifying fire effects. The fire continues to provide for improved ecosystem health and resilience. As the Alder Fire continues to burn, potential fire behavior and effects are continuously being assessed to ensure incident objectives are being met.

A local Type 4 Incident Commander is managing the fire for multiple resource objectives. These objectives include: remove hazardous fuels, improve wildlife habitat, increase forage for livestock and ungulates, reduce the risk of crown fires, and thin overstocked forest. Fire personnel assigned to the fire remains at 27.

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ALDER FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: June 25, 2015

Acres Treated: 239 acres

Location: East Chevelon Canyons, approximately 13 miles northwest of the community of Forest Lakes and located in Coconino County, east of Forest Service Road (FSR) 34, and west of FSR 169 on Sand Point.

Behavior: Fire behavior continues to smolder and creep along the ground through grass and brush.

Smoke: Smoke may be visible from Arizona State Highway 260 and as far north as I-40, near Winslow, AZ.

Weather Forecast: The weather forecast over the Alder Fire calls for afternoon and evening thunderstorms, with relative humidity remaining between 19 and 29 through this weekend. Smoke may be visible from Arizona State Highway 260 and as far north as I-40, near Winslow, AZ

Closures: There are no road closures due to this fire.

Today's Management Actions: Dozer line/hand line was constructed on the northern perimeter to prevent forward spread into Alder canyon.

Find online information for the Alder Fire on Inciweb at www.inciweb.nwcg.gov. Follow the forest on Facebook at www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnf and Twitter at (@A_SNFs). Photos will be available on the forest Flickr site at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/apachesitgreavesnf>

Questions or concerns call the Black Mesa Ranger District at (928) 535-7300 (during regular business hours) or by calling 311 or 928-333-3412. Also, check out the ASNFs website at: www.fs.usda.gov/asnf

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