Museum Fire July 23, 2019
Evening Update

**Origin:** 1 mile north of Flagstaff, AZ
**Jurisdiction:** Coconino NF
**Start Date:** July 21, 2019
**Size:** Approximately 1,400 acres
**Percent Contained:** 10%
**Personnel:** Estimated 500
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Fire Info Line:** 928-288-2484, 7am – 9pm
**Email:** 2019.museum@firenet.gov
**Website:** inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6450/
**Facebook:** Museum Fire Information
**Twitter:** @MuseumFireInfo
**Smoke Outlook:** fires.airfire.org/outlooks

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**Firefighters Complete Successful Burnout Operations**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., July 23, 2019 – Firefighters took advantage of favorable weather conditions today to conduct burnout operations on the north edge of the Museum Fire. Increased smoke may be noticeable as additional burnout operations take place, weather permitting.

Crews are looking for opportunities to implement direct suppression tactics where they can be successful, given the steep and rocky terrain. Firefighters worked to suppress spot fires in the 1977 Radio Fire burn scar and to contain the fire along Mount Elden Lookout Road. Crews continue to construct and connect fire line as well as preforming structure assessment and preparation work.

Helicopters dropped water to cool hotspots within the fire perimeter. The team has ordered an infrared flight over the fire to obtain a more accurate assessment of current fire size but smoke and weather conditions have affected the ability to obtain accurate acreage. The fire is estimated at 1,400 acres.

Questions regarding evacuation status and procedures should be directed to Coconino County Call Center at 928-213-2990, staffed between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. Evacuation orders remain in place for Mount Elden Lookout Road. The Red Cross is operating a shelter for those who have been displaced from their homes at Sinagua Middle School (3950 E. Butler Ave. Flagstaff, AZ).

Several nearby communities remain in pre-evacuation status including Peak View Country Store, Magdalena, Kelly McCoy, Forest Hills, Valley Crest, Lockett Ranch, Mount Elden Lookout Estates, north and west of Highway 89 and Silver Saddle, Hutcheson Acres, McCann Estates, Little Elden Springs, Black Bill Park, Wupatki Trails, Pine Mountain Estates, West of Highway 89 from Railhead north to Townsend-Winona, including the KOA Campground, and Christmas Tree Estates.

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