



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Grand Canyon National Park

PO Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

928 638-7779 phone
928 638-7609 fax
www.nps.gov/grca

Grand Canyon News Release

Release date: Immediate

Contact(s): Shannan Marcak
Phone number (s): 928-638-7958
Maureen Oltrogge
638-7779

Date: August 6, 2011, 9:00 p.m.

Update on New Water Fire on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – A type III incident management organization continues working to suppress the New Water Fire which include lands within the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, as well as lands managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs –Truxton Cañon Agency, the Bureau of Land Management - Kingman Area Field Office, and the Arizona Division of Forestry. Significant progress was made on containing the fire yesterday and last night, therefore it was not necessary to assign a type II incident management team to the fire today. The type II team did provide assistance to the type III organization as needed. The type II team was released today at 6:00 pm.

The New Water Fire is located approximately six miles east of Meadview, Arizona and fifty miles north of Kingman, Arizona and originated on private land adjacent to the park..

The size of the fire was estimated at 9,800 acres as of 6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 6.

Fire Facts:

Start Date: August 3

Location: 6 miles east of Meadview, Arizona and 50 miles north of Kingman, Arizona

Size: 9,800

Fuels: grass, brush and pinyon juniper

Cause: lightning

Personnel/Equipment currently assigned to the fire Five hot shot crews, six engines, three helicopters and two single-engine air tankers are working to suppress the fire; and containment is currently expected on August 8.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Estimated Containment: 60%

Values at risk: Grand Canyon West on the Hualapai Indian Reservation. The eastern flank did not progress any closer to Grand Canyon West and is still approximately two miles west of the development.

-NPS-