

FACT SHEET

Kaibab National Forest



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SITGREAVES FIRE COMPLEX FACT SHEET

Incident Type: Wildland Fire Managed for Resource Objectives

Cause: Lightning

Date of Origin: July 13, 2014

Location: About 5 miles north, northwest of Parks, Ariz.

Size: 4,150 acres

Current Situation:

The Sitgreaves Complex has had a resurgence in fire activity following a few days of dry conditions. Smoke is visible from a number of areas within the 4,150-acre fire, and increased fire behavior and growth are expected over the next few days.

The Sitgreaves Complex will likely show increases and decreases in fire activity over the next few weeks as weather conditions vary. This is common during a long-duration managed fire and is an example of allowing a fire to continue burning as it would naturally as long as it can be safely managed while benefiting forest resources.

“On the Kaibab National Forest, wildland fire is used to protect, maintain and enhance resources and, as nearly as possible, be allowed to function in its natural role in the ecosystem,” said Holly Kleindienst, forest deputy fire staff officer. “Restoring the historic fire regime is one of the highest priorities for our fire managers. Recurring fire across the landscape is integral to forest health.”

Closure Area:

In order to protect public safety, a closure is in effect for the Sitgreaves Fire Complex Planning Area. The closure area is bounded to the east by Forest Service Road (FSR) 76, to the south by FSR 160, to the west by FSR 74 and to the north by FSR 141. The area and roads within the boundaries are closed to public entry and use. However Forest Service Roads 74, 76, and 141 are open.

Additional Sources of Information, Maps and Photos:

- Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov
- Facebook @ Sitgreaves Complex Fire Information
- Kaibab Fire Information Line: (928) 635-8311
- Text message: text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404