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Kaibab National Forest manages Jolly fire for multiple objectives

Fredonia, Ariz., June 16, 2015 — For Immediate Release. Lightning activity on the North Kaibab Ranger District over the weekend resulted in several small fires, one of which is the Jolly Fire.

On Monday, fire managers met to discuss the likelihood of managing the fire to allow the fire to function in its natural ecological role within defined boundaries and reduce fuels within the planned management area.

Currently, the fire is a slow-moving ground fire, and fire managers are considering managing the fire for resource benefits as weather and conditions allow.

Fire Name: Jolly Fire

Date Started: June 13, 2015; discovered by fire personnel

Location: North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest; the Jolly Fire is located approximately 3 miles south of Jacob Lake. The planning area is bound by Arizona Highway 67 on the west, Forest Service Road (FSR) 200 on the east and FSR 634 on the north.

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Ponderosa pine, aspen, and pine litter

Smoke: Smoke may be visible from Arizona Highway 67 and Highway 89A

Size: Less than 1 acre. Fire managers plan to keep the Jolly Fire within predetermined boundaries, and if the fire grows to the maximum boundary area it will reach about 1,514 acres in size

Resources Committed: Forest and district fire managers are monitoring the Jolly Fire daily

Resource Benefits: Restoration of a fire-adapted ecosystem; reduction of accumulated fuels on the forest floor; recycling of nutrients into the soil; protection of the greater area from future high-intensity wildland fires.

Closures: No road/trail closures are in effect. Forest Service Roads remain open; however, hazard signs are posted, and motorists should exercise caution.

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