



SOUTHWEST AREA
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 4
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Wildcat Fire Update June 17, 2016

Location: South of Highway 89A and southwest of the Forest Road 8910 and 211 junction within the vicinity of the South Canyon trailhead in Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Size: Approximately 1,350 acres.

Movement: The Wildcat Fire is primarily wind driven from the southwest.

Percent contained: 0 %

Cause: Lightning

Resources assigned: 137 personnel, which includes engine crews, hand crews, air support, and water tenders.

Management strategy: Full suppression.

Summary: At 6 am today the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 assumed responsibility for managing the Wildcat Fire, which began on June 13. Firefighters and air resources attempted to suppress the fire; however, high winds on Wednesday afternoon caused spotting and increased growth significantly towards the northeast.

Priorities include:

- Ensure for incident personnel and public safety.
- Build and maintain relationships with adjacent agencies, cooperators and stakeholders.
- Protect cultural and natural and cultural resources, North and South Canyon watersheds, private landholdings, and infrastructures.
- Protect wilderness values through minimal suppression tactics within the wilderness.

Please be cautious while driving on State Highway 89A through the House Rock Valley area, around Jacob Lake and at the junction of State Highway 67 and 89A due to fire related traffic.

The North Rim of the Grand Canyon and all recreation facilities on the North Kaibab Ranger District are open for visitor use. No closures are in place at this time.

To find out where fire restrictions are in effect in Arizona, visit www.firerestrictions.us/az.

Wildfires across the Southwest, including the Wildcat Fire, continue to produce light to moderate smoke. For more information on how smoke can affect you, please visit www.phoenixvis.net/PPMmain.aspx.

Forest visitors may call the Kaibab National Forest fire information phone line at (928) 635-8311 for current conditions and the status of fire restrictions. Fire information for the Wildcat Fire may be obtained at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4782/.

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