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Tusayan Ranger District Fire Update

Tusayan, Ariz., July 14, 2016—For Immediate Release. Incident commander Jason McClain is taking management control of the fire as there is a transition to a smaller type 3 organization today. Containment of the Scott fire steadily increases as crews continue to monitor and mop up control lines.. Visible smoke from the fire should continue to decrease over the next few days as crews complete mopping up of the remaining active fire line and implement rehabilitation plans for dozer and hand lines. Though there are fewer crews working the fire, drivers should still use extreme caution and be mindful of fire fighters working along the roads particularly driving along FR 310 south of Grand View Tower and FR 307.

The 9-mile section of the Arizona Trail and a large area of National Forest surrounding the Scott Fire will remain closed until further notice. Thru hikers may detour on to the FR 310 which parallels the trail, but please be mindful of traffic from the fire operations in the area. Forest officials are working closely with fire managers and will reopen the trail and area as soon as it is safe to do so. Trail and area closure information are available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kaibab/alerts-notice/?aid=35045>

SCOTT FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: June 28, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: 11 miles east of Tusayan in the Upper Basin and Coconino rim near forest roads 310 and 307

Current Size: Approximately 2660 acres. 85% contained.

Incident Commander: Jason McClain ICT3 / Mike Uebel ICT3-T

Resources: 1-Type 2 hand crews, 2-Type 3 engines, 2-Type 6 engines, 2-Tactical water tenders, 2-Dozers and 2- Resource specialists. Total personnel assigned is 84.

Temporary flight restrictions remain in place over the Scott Fire vicinity to restrict private aircraft from interfering in the air space where helicopters are assisting with mop up operations.

Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following inciweb sources: Scott Fire <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4840/>

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