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Labor Fire: Crew on wildfire near Jacob Lake wraps up

Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 10, 2016 — For Immediate Release. Early this evening, fire managers announced plans to wrap up strategic firing and burn-out operations as the Labor Fire reached 429 acres today.

Type-4 Incident Commander Mike Epperson will assume command of the Labor Fire with a smaller organization tomorrow. Crews will monitor and patrol the area to ensure the fire remains within the planning area boundary. Interior fuels will be allowed to consume further and light smoke will remain visible for up to several weeks; however, smoke impacts to the highway are anticipated to be minimal.

Tomorrow's weather forecast is expected to be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms throughout the day. A drying trend is expected to begin Tuesday with decreasing chances for rain, and breezy southwesterly winds are forecasted through midweek.

Pending a change in conditions, this will be the final update on the Labor Fire. All Labor Fire information is available through InciWeb at inciweb.nwec.gov/incident/5016/.

Date/Time Reported: Monday, Sept. 5, 2016

Location: Approximately 19.5 miles southeast of Fredonia and 3.5 miles northwest of Jacob Lake

Cause: Lightning

Size: 429 acres

Fuel Type: Predominantly ponderosa pine

Planning Area: 430 acres

Anticipated Smoke Impact: Light smoke is anticipated within the vicinity of Jacob Lake. For more information on how smoke can affect you, please visit www.phoenixvis.net/PPMmain.aspx.

Additional information is available through the Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311 or via text message – text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404.

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