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## *High Meadow and Mount Emma Fire Updates*

**St. George, Utah** —On July 15, 2015 fire staff from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Strip District responded to a smoke report near Mt. Trumbull and Potato Valley on the BLM Arizona Strip. The lightning-caused High Meadow Fire is located approximately 55 miles southeast of St. George, Utah. The fire is 640 acres in size and is in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument portion of the BLM Arizona Strip.

High Meadow wildfire is being managed to achieve both protection and resource objectives. These objectives include providing for firefighter and public safety, returning fire to a fire-dependent ecosystem, reducing the risk of severe fire occurrence, preserving cultural resource sites and improving wildlife habitat. Some of the management actions taken to meet these objectives will involve multiple strategies such as stopping undesirable fire spread on the state lands or towards private property, slowing or allowing growth depending on conditions and redirecting fire spread towards federal lands when necessary.

Recent fire activity has increased with smoke visible from surrounding areas. Ground crews and aviation are working to minimize impacts to private property (Potato Valley) to the North. With the increase in fire size and operations complexity, the fire has transitioned from an Incident Commander Type 4 to an Incident Commander Type 3.

There are four BLM roads closed to public traffic around the fire area including BLM 1768, 1775, 1802, and 1803. While the Mohave County Rd 5 remains open, the public is urged to use caution due to fire vehicle traffic, personnel and equipment activity, and occasional smoke.

Resources on the fire include 5 wildland fire engines, 1 wildland fire module, 2-20 person handcrews, 3 support water tenders, and Incident Command Type 3 staff. Additional resources are ordered to support.

The Mt. Emma Fire continues to be monitored by fire staff. No smoke has been visible on the Mt. Emma Fire for the past three days.

For more information on the High Meadow, Mt. Emma or other fires in Arizona or throughout the United States go to [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov)

You can also follow BLM Arizona Fire activity on Twitter @BLMAZFire.

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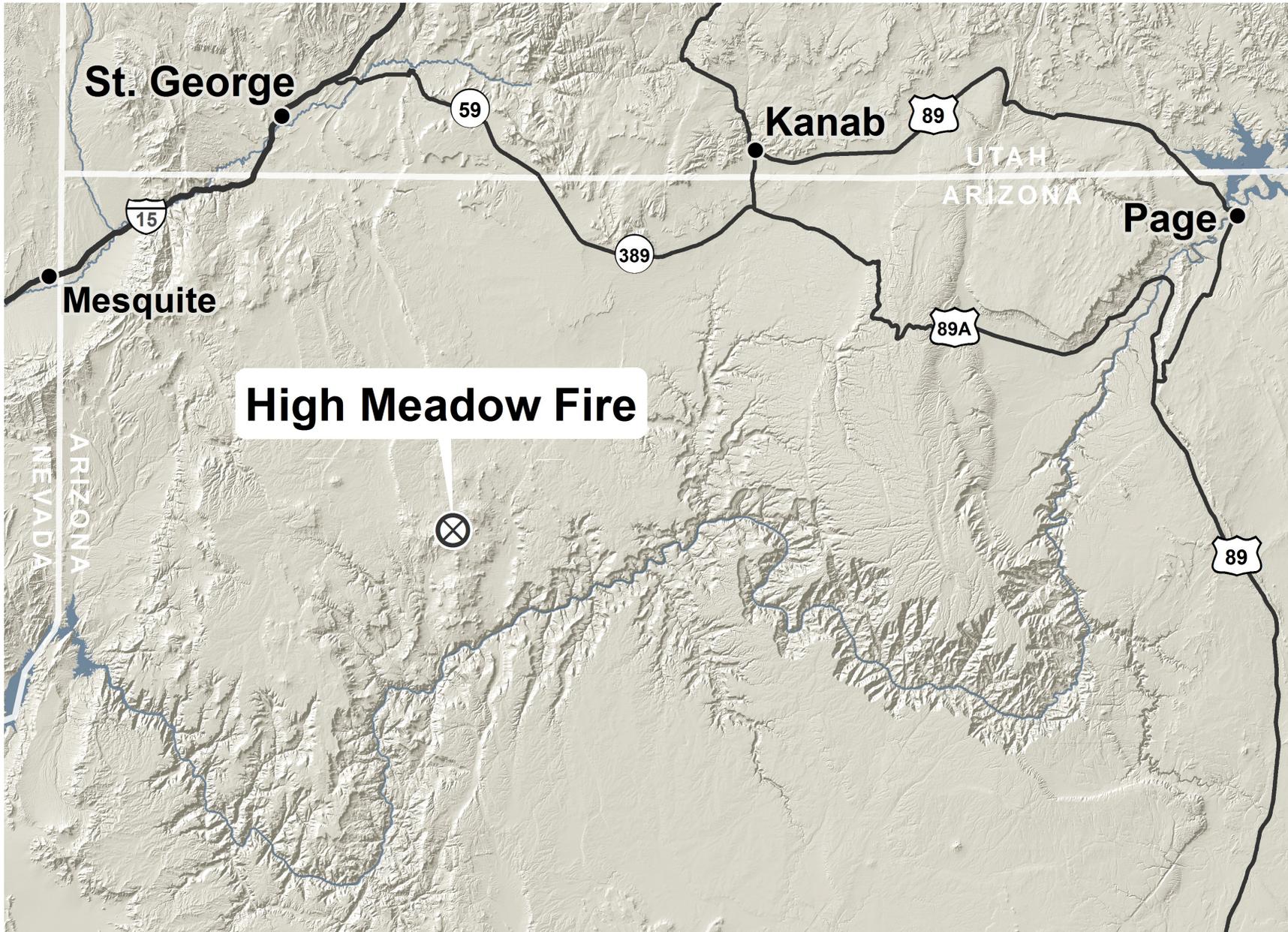
This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska.

The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.

The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

# High Meadow Fire

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