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High Meadow Fire Update

St. George, Utah —Fire staffs continue today to manage the High Meadow Fire located approximately 55 mile southeast of St. George, Utah near Mt. Trumbull and Potato Valley on the BLM Arizona Strip. The lightning-caused High Meadow Fire started July 14, 2015. The fire is 1,063 acres in size and is in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument portion of the BLM Arizona Strip.

The High Meadow wildfire is being managed to achieve both protection and natural resource objectives. “Private property and improvements will be protected from the fire while we use the fire to reduce downed fuel accumulation and thin the overstocked ponderosa pine stands,” said Mark Rosenthal, Fire Management Officer for the BLM Arizona Strip District.

Recent fire activity has increased with smoke visible from surrounding areas. “Over the weekend we had hotter, drier weather so the fire activity picked up,” said Mark Mendonca, BLM Arizona Strip Assistant Fire Management Officer. “At that time, we implemented a tactical burn out operation with both air and ground resources to secure the northwest corner. Removing the vegetation from in of front the fire when conditions are most favorable creates a buffer and reduces the intensity of the fire on the control line,” Mendonca said.

Ground crews and aviation are working to minimize impacts to private property (Potato Valley) to the North. The fire is being managed by a Color Country Type 3 Incident Command (IC) Team.

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 1 Type 1 hot show crew, 3 Type 2 initial attack crews, 1 wildland fire module, 2 Type 3 helicopters, 6 engines, 6 water tenders, air attack and miscellaneous overhead.

For more information on the High Meadow Fire or other fires in Arizona or throughout the United States go to www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

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