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Rain Showers Diminish Fire Activity on High Meadow Fire

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 and is located in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument portion of the BLM Arizona Strip.

As of August 1, 2015, the fire remains at 1,240 acres in size.

The High Meadow wildfire is being managed to achieve both protection and natural resource objectives. Containment of the fire is approximately 20 percent.

Cloud cover, cooler temperatures, higher humidity and rain have moderated fire activity. “We’ve been getting rain showers and as a result, there is minimal fire activity today,” said High Meadow Fire Incident Command Trainee, Chet Hatch from the Incident Command Post at Mt. Trumbull. “Crews are taking advantage of the rain and continuing to mop up that north containment line to protect private property,” Hatch said.

The fire is being managed by a Color Country Type 3 Incident Command (IC) Team. Resources include 2 wildland fire modules, 1 Type 3 helicopter, 1 Type 2 hand crew, 3 engines, 1 water tender, 1 Bull Hog for fuels reduction, and miscellaneous overhead. Due to the recent moisture and reduction in fire activity, fire managers are preparing to transition to a Type IV Incident Command structure tomorrow.

Four BLM roads remained closed to public traffic around the fire area including BLM 1768, 1775, 1802, 1803, and 1804. 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.

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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