

# News *fire information*

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## Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

**Summary:** Multiple lightning strikes started several fires on the Arizona Strip late Wednesday afternoon after a series of storms passed through the area. As of Thursday morning, July 12, 2012 fire management officers reported a total of 13 fires located on the Arizona Strip on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Two of the 13 fires, the Hobble Complex Fire (3 fires) and the Plateau Fire, are both approximately 10,000 acres in size. Smoke may be visible from the Washington County area. Nine of the remaining 13 fires are located on the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, and one fire is located on the Arizona Strip Field Office. These fires vary in size and are awaiting more accurate mapping.

A Color Country Type III (T3) Team is in command of the Hobble Complex and fire managers are staffing the Plateau Fire. A second Color Country T3 team has been ordered for the Plateau Fire. Engines and aviation assets have been ordered for these fires.

**Start Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 late afternoon.

**Locations:** Hobble Complex approximately 35 miles south of St. George, Utah near the Grand Wash Cliffs on the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Plateau Fire approximately 65 miles south of St. George near Snap Point on the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

**Jurisdiction:** Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip District.

**Fire Size:** Hobble Complex 10,000 acres. Plateau Fire 10,000 acres. The actual size of these fires is still pending and will be accurately mapped via helicopter GPS mission. (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field).

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fire Behavior:** Fire behavior is running, torching.

**Closures:** No closures are currently in effect, however, roads surrounding each fire are pending closure for public safety this afternoon.

**Structures:** Several structures related to ranching are threatened including out buildings, (barns/sheds).

**Percent Contained:** N/A

**Fuels:** Cheatgrass and pinyon/juniper trees on both fires.

**Fire Crews/Resources:** Clint Coates' Color Country Interagency Type III team is in command of the Hobble Complex. Engines and aviation resources have been ordered for the Plateau and other fires on the Arizona Strip.

**Evacuations:** N/A

**Injuries:** N/A

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