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***Mt. Emma Fire Update for Monday July 6, 2015
[Last Update Unless Activity Changes]***

St. George, Utah - Interagency firefighting efforts continue on the Mt. Emma Fire. The lightning-caused fire located 75 miles southeast of St. George, Utah is approximately 4,200 acres and burning within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument's Mount Logan Wilderness and Grand Canyon National Park.

After performing a complexity analysis of the current situation, the management of the fire has transitioned downward to a Type 4 organization comprised of local area resources. Fire managers have developed a long-term plan for the fire area which will allow them to strategically respond to changing conditions and an increase in fire activity.

Fire managers will continue to monitor the progression of the fire and the weather, adjusting their tactics and resources as needed in accordance with the long-term plan, while ensuring firefighter and public safety.

The fire continues to benefit from moisture and the increased humidity provided by recent storm activity. This has moderated fire activity and less smoke is visible as a result. Smoke continues to be visible on the northeastern side of the fire, remaining active on the interior, and has not contributed to any significant fire growth or movement.

With the ongoing fire activity, there is still traffic in the area of the fire; therefore fire managers request the public's help in ensuring safety on backcountry roadways in the vicinity of the fire.

There are no road or trail closures anticipated at this time. Smoke may be visible from St. George and Kanab, Utah; Fredonia and the North and South Rims in Arizona.

** As firefighters remain busy with lightning caused fires from recent thunderstorms, we are asking for everyone's help in preventing human caused fires.

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