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## *Sand Cove Fire Being Managed on BLM Arizona Strip*

**St. George, Utah** — Fire managers for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Strip District are managing a fire approximately 30 miles southwest of St. George, Utah on the Arizona Strip's Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. The fire is located within the Paiute Wilderness.

The lightning-caused fire was first observed from the Black Rock Fire Lookout on June 15, 2015 at 4pm. The fire is approximately 20 acres in size. Resources on the fire include one fixed wing air attack, one Type 3 helicopter and two engines.

“The fire is being managed to sustain the health and viability of the landscape to achieve the goals approved in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan,” said Mark Rosenthal, BLM Arizona Strip Fire Management Officer.

There are no road or trail closures anticipated at this time, but public access may be restricted in the vicinity to ensure public safety. The public is urged to use caution when traveling in the area. Smoke may be visible from St. George.

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