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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 continuing to manage two lightning-caused fires on the Arizona Strip.

The Sand Cove Fire was first observed from the Black Rock Fire Lookout on June 15, 2015. It is located approximately 30 miles southwest of St. George, Utah on Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in the Paiute Wilderness. The fire is 57 acres and will continue to be managed for multiple objectives. Fire activity is smoldering and creeping. Two engine modules remain on the fire.

The Wolf Hole Fire was observed from the Black Rock Fire Lookout on June 16, 2015. It is located 10 miles south of St. George, Utah near Hodgets Canyon. As of Friday, June 19, the 7 acre fire was contained and controlled. Fire crews will monitor both fires this afternoon with helicopter reconnaissance.

Vegetation types on both fires include brush, pinyon and juniper. There are no road or trail closures associated with either fire at this time. The public is urged to use caution when traveling in these areas.

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