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Fire Fighters Managing 2,566-Acre Lightning Ignited Wildfire

St. George—As of Monday, August 23, 2010 four engines and 27 fire staff from the BLM Arizona Strip District Fire Management unit continued to manage the 2,566-acre Mustang fire which was ignited by lightning on Sunday August 8, 2010. The Beaver Dam Littlefield Fire Department is also assisting with one engine crew. Today, fire personnel are also working to clear existing roads, and complete resource chipping activities while monitoring fire behavior.

The fire is currently burning in pinion juniper and sage vegetation on BLM administered lands within the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument and Arizona Strip Field Office. The fire is currently being managed by fire officials for multiple objectives other than full suppression to meet future desired conditions established in the Monument Resource Management Plan. Smoke may be visible near Black Rock Mountain and from St. George, Utah.

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The BLM manages more land – 245 million acres -- than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.