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Fire activity update for the Arizona Strip District Area

St. George—As of Monday, August 30, 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 fire, burning in pinion juniper and sage vegetation on BLM administered lands within the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument and Arizona Strip Field Office, is being managed by fire officials for multiple objectives other than full suppression to meet desired conditions established in the Monument Resource Management Plan. Smoke may be visible from Black Rock Mountain and from St. George, Utah.

Since Wednesday August 25, 2010 approximately six small fires have been ignited by lightning, two of which are contained and controlled and three remain in monitor status. Fire managers are managing the Mud Springs Fire, currently one and a half acres, for multiple objectives. Within the past week, fire managers have responded to two abandoned campfires, one in the Black Rock area and the other near Wild Cat Ranch. While both abandoned campfires were still contained within fire rings when fire fighters discovered them, fire managers wish to remind the public to practice fire safety by ensuring all campfires are dead out.

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