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Grand Canyon National Park is Managing Several Fires

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – There are currently four lightning-caused fires being managed on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park.

The Imperial Fire was discovered July 17. It is located approximately three-quarters of a mile northwest of Point Imperial. This fire has been approved for Wildland Fire Use. The Imperial Fire is one-quarter of an acre and spreading slowly through dead and down fuels created from the Outlet Fire of 2000.

The Sublime Fire was discovered July 18. It is located approximately one-quarter mile south of the Point Sublime Road and directly north of the Dragon. It is approximately nine miles west of the North Rim developed area. This fire has also been approved for Wildland Fire Use and is being monitored by fire crews. The Sublime Fire is one-half an acre and actively burning in Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. It is burning in an area that last saw fire during the Quartz Fire of 2004.

Another lightning-caused fire, the Basin Fire, also started July 18. It is one-half an acre and burning in mixed conifer. It is located approximately six miles northwest of the North Rim developed area. The Basin Fire is being suppressed because it is a first-entry burn in mixed conifer. One engine crew is currently assigned to the fire.

The Roosevelt Fire, discovered yesterday, on the Walhalla Plateau, is approximately 7 miles east of the North Rim developed area. This fire is five acres and actively burning in Ponderosa pine, gambel oak and aspen. The Roosevelt Fire is burning in an area that last saw fire during the Vista Fire of 2001. This fire is being monitored and being considered for Wildland Fire Use. Smoke from the Roosevelt Fire is visible from the North Rim developed area and may become more visible from various South Rim viewpoints.

Wildland Fire Use is a strategy that allows some lightning-caused fires to burn within a defined area, when weather and wind conditions are favorable, to benefit the park's natural resources.

No area or road closures are currently in effect for any of these fires.

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