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Tiyo Wildland Fire Use Fire Burning On North Rim of Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, AZ. – On Tuesday, July 1, the National Park Service found a small, lightning-caused fire burning on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. After taking into consideration the fire's location, the fuels it was burning in and current weather and air quality predictions, National Park Service fire management officials made the decision to manage this fire under a wildland fire use strategy.

Fires managed under a wildland fire use strategy are not suppressed, but instead are managed for resource benefit. Some of the benefits officials hope to achieve with the Tiyo Wildland Fire Use Fire (Tiyo WFU) include restoring fire to the ecosystem and reducing unnatural fuel loads.

The Tiyo WFU is currently estimated to be 7.4 acres in size. It is located approximately 3.5 to 4 miles west of the North Rim developed area and 1.5 – 2 miles north of Tiyo Point. It is burning in light fuels (primarily ponderosa pine) that burned previously in 2005. Regular light monsoon rains have limited the growth of the fire since it was detected and are currently expected to continue to limit its activity.

Minor smoke impacts may be possible in the North Rim developed area and on Highway 67 as a result of the Tiyo WFU. Backcountry hiking closures in the Tiyo Point vicinity may also be possible if activity on the fire increases.

For more information on the Tiyo WFU, please contact the Grand Canyon Public Affairs Office at 928-638-7958. For the most up-to-date information on backcountry closures in Grand Canyon National Park, please contact the park's Backcountry Information Center at 928-638-7875, Monday through Friday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MST.

Due to its limited activity, no further news releases on the Tiyo WFU are planned

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