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Thunderstorms Trigger Wildland Fires at Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service responded to four smoke reports late Wednesday evening signaling the start of the wildland fire season at Grand Canyon National Park. Two of the smokes were located and are being suppressed today to protect nearby cultural resource sites and residences in the vicinity of Desert View.

The Lipan Fire is located one-half mile west of Lipan Point Road on the north side of Highway 64. Firefighters are confining and containing the fire to less than one-half acre in a single tree and downed logs and needles from pinyon and juniper trees. No structures are threatened, but there are fire-sensitive cultural resources in the vicinity of the fire. Fire behavior was reported as creeping with slow to no spread.

The Boundary Fire is located one-third of a mile north of Highway 64 between Highway 64 and the local E-15 road, near the Park's east boundary. It is less than one-quarter acre in size. Fire behavior was smoldering in downed fuels from pinyon and juniper trees.

The remaining two smokes have not been located even after an aerial reconnaissance flight mid-morning today. Firefighters will continue to monitor in the vicinity of the reported smokes in the

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event that fire activity increases and the fires become detectable. Park firefighters are also providing engine assistance with fire suppression efforts on the Arizona Fire located on the Tusayan District of the Kaibab National Forest.

For additional fire information, please call 928-638-7819. You may also visit Grand Canyon's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/>.