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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **Desert View Drive Reopens After Firefighters Extinguish Highway Fire**

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – Yesterday at approximately 4:30 p.m., Grand Canyon National Park Fire Managers and emergency crews responded to a wildland fire near mile post 249 on Desert View Drive (State Highway 64) near Grand View Overlook. The wildland fire, named the Highway Fire, was ignited by a motor home that had caught on fire. The occupants of the motor home noticed that the vehicle they were towing had caught on fire and had pulled off the roadway to try and disconnect it. The fire quickly spread to the motor home and surrounding trees. When firefighters and emergency crews arrived, the motor home was completely engulfed and the fire was quickly spreading into the trees and moving north. Desert View Drive was closed to through traffic from Duck on a Rock to Desert View from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

There were five occupants in the motor home. The male driver was taken to the Grand Canyon Clinic for smoke inhalation and minor burns. He was treated and released. There were no other injuries. The other four occupants were transported to a local hotel. The motor home was completely destroyed and will be towed from the park later today.

The Highway Fire was contained and the edge of the fire mopped up by dark last night. The fire burned approximately 4 acres and burned to the rim of the canyon, where it ran out of fuel.

The Sacramento Interagency Hotshot Crew assisted with firefighting operations. The crew had been staged on the Kaibab National Forest in Williams, Ariz. The hotshot crew was released from the fire at approximately 8:30 last night. National Park Service fire crews will continue mop up operations early this morning.

The cause of the vehicle fire has not been determined at this time. An investigation will be completed by the National Park Service.

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Motor home fire ignites wildland fire on Desert View Drive near Grand View MP249 in Grand Canyon National Park



Wildland fire crews working Highway Fire on Desert View Drive in Grand Canyon National Park

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