



Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – Andrew Mandell – Incident Commander



Dragon Bravo Fire activity increases under record dry conditions, firefighters focus on structure protection and containment opportunities

Morning Update for July 26, 2025

Fire Information Phone: 928-268-5610 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Media Phone: 928-465-7561

Acres: 35,456

Location: Grand Canyon North Rim

Personnel: 1,027

Containment: 26%

Start Date: July 4, 2025

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Mixed conifer, aspen regeneration and ponderosa pine

Latest Update: Fire activity increased on the Dragon Bravo Fire on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park Friday. Record-breaking dry air and gusty winds pushed the fire north. Fire behavior intensified on the western flank, northeast of the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Firefighters worked to monitor, scout, and reinforce lines while also preparing for potential structure protection needs.

Ongoing & Planned Operations: Strong winds led to increased fire activity yesterday. Twenty-five mph gusts pushed the western flank of the Dragon Bravo Fire further north of the bison enclosure. Winds also led to a spot fire northeast of the Saddle Mountain Wilderness, east of Forest Road 445A. Firelines established along Forest Road 610 held yesterday. Firefighters continue to scout additional contingency line options northwest of the fire near Lookout Tower Road. Crews completed protection around the Kaibab Lodge and are now evaluating protection options for nearby historic structures. Aircraft resources remain prepared for increased fire activity on canyon edges and potential spread into grass and sagebrush areas at lower elevations.

Weather & Smoke: Friday marks another day of critically dry and windy conditions. Winds gusted up to 25 mph from the southwest, and relative humidity dropped to 8%. Today is forecasted to be the windiest and driest day of the fire, with gusts up to 30 mph and near red flag conditions. Smoke will remain visible from surrounding areas, including the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Residents and visitors impacted by the smoke are encouraged to monitor local air quality conditions at outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net.

Evacuations & Closures: Information about current closures on Grand Canyon National Park can be found on the National Park Service website at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/northrimstatus.htm>. The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park will remain closed for the duration of the 2025 season. U.S. Route 89A has reopened, though Grand Canyon Highway (state Route 67) remains closed. For information about the forest closure on the North Kaibab Ranger District, visit the Kaibab National Forest website at fs.usda.gov/r03/kaibab. Kaibab Camper Village and Jacob Lake Inn and gas station are now accessible. The rest of the forest, including the Jacob Lake Campground, remains closed.

More Information: The Temporary Flight Restriction in place over the area of the Dragon Bravo Fire has expanded and may expand further. Visit The Federal Aviation Administration's website at <https://tfr.faa.gov/> for the latest TFR.

Dragon Bravo Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/azgcp-dragon-bravo-fire>

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