



## Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



### Most lines held during the Red Flag Warning on the Dragon Bravo Fire Daily Update for August 9, 2025

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

**Media Phone:** 928-465-7561

**Acres:** 141,147

**Location:** Grand Canyon North Rim

**Personnel:** 1,335

**Containment:** 36%

**Start Date:** July 4, 2025

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fuels:** Mixed conifer, aspen regeneration  
ponderosa pine, pinon-juniper, and sage

**Highlights:** During the Red Flag weather yesterday, gusts registered up to 52 mph in the fire area. Despite high and unpredictable winds, progress was made in some areas and lines were held over most of the fire perimeter. To the north, fire descended east towards House Rock Valley but did not expand north. On Walhalla Plateau, crews completed the dozer line across the plateau, but the fire dropped off the plateau and made a run down the Kwagunt drainage. In the southwest corner of the fire, crews made some progress towards establishing an anchor point near the head of Crystal Canyon. At the same time, lines were extended towards that point from Kaibab Lodge.

**Operations:** The Dragon Bravo fire continues to be a full-suppression effort. On the north end, firefighters will continue patrolling the lines to keep the fire from progressing into the fuel rich forest and divert it into sparse fuels to the east. If it does proceed east towards House Rock Valley, firefighters will meet it when it reaches manageable terrain. Firelines have already been established to protect resources in the area. In the southwest corner, progress will continue to connect dozer line coming down from Kaibab Lodge and to establish the anchor point at the head of Crystal Canyon. Both direct and indirect strategies will continue to be employed there. On Walhalla Plateau, firefighters will reinforce the lines they have put in and explore areas where secondary lines would be effective. Fire leadership will consider options for addressing the run that was made into Kwagunt drainage yesterday. Around the rest of the fire's perimeter, crews will patrol and monitor, looking for areas that can be put into "controlled" status.

**Weather and Smoke:** Today the fire area will see near critical fire weather but no Red Flag Warning. Winds will be considerably calmer than what was experienced yesterday. Humidity will continue to be very low until the middle of next week. 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](https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net).

**Evacuations, Restrictions & Closures:** The Kaibab National Forest has changed the closure order in the North Kaibab Ranger District. Most areas north of US-89A are open. Jacob Lake Campgrounds are open. There are no changes to the closures south of US-89A. North Kaibab and Tusayan districts and all unincorporated lands within their boundaries remain in Stage II Fire Restrictions. For detailed information about Kaibab National Forest closures and restrictions visit their website: [fs.usda.gov/r03/kaibab](https://fs.usda.gov/r03/kaibab). For information about Coconino County Fire Restrictions visit their website: [coconino.az.gov/firerestrictions](https://coconino.az.gov/firerestrictions). Information about closures on Grand Canyon National Park can be found on their website [nps.gov/grca/northrimstatus.htm](https://nps.gov/grca/northrimstatus.htm). The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park will remain closed for the duration of the 2025 season. Information about closures in the House Rock Valley can be found at [blm.gov/announcement/blm-arizona-strip-emergency-closure-dragon-bravo-fire](https://blm.gov/announcement/blm-arizona-strip-emergency-closure-dragon-bravo-fire). U.S. Route 89A has reopened, though State Route 67 remains closed. Kaibab Camper Village and Jacob Lake Inn and gas station are open.

**More Information:** The Temporary Flight Restriction over the area of the Dragon Bravo Fire remains in place. Visit The Federal Aviation Administration's website at [tfr.faa.gov/](https://tfr.faa.gov/) for the latest TFR. A reminder that use of drones in the TFR area is dangerous to firefighting aviation and illegal. If you fly, we can't.

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