SOUTHWEST AREA

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – Andrew Mandell – Incident Commander



Firefighters working to suppress Dragon Bravo Fire; Complex Incident Management Team assumes command of fire Morning Update for July 14, 2025

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

Media Phone: 928-465-7561

Acres: 5,716 Start Date: July 4, 2025 Location: Grand Canyon North Rim Cause: Lightning

Personnel: 295 Fuels: Mixed conifer, aspen regeneration and ponderosa pine

Containment: 0%

Latest Update: Fire activity on the Dragon Bravo Fire remains high-to-extreme with heavy fire activity occurring overnight. More than 70 structures on the North Rim, including the Grand Canyon Lodge, were lost during the weekend's fire activity. Crews are working daytime and nighttime operational shifts. More resources are being directed toward the Dragon Bravo Fire, and heavy aerial resource use will continue as part of an aggressive full suppression strategy. Closures and evacuations remain in place.

Ongoing & Planned Operations: Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4 assumed command of the fire at 6:00 a.m. Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority of the Dragon Bravo Fire. Firefighters are working to preserve remaining structures on the North Rim and protect cultural and natural resources within Grand Canyon National Park. A hazmat response is mitigating effects from Saturday's chlorine gas leak at the water treatment facility.

Evacuations & Closures: Due to the smoke accumulation in the inner canyon resulting from Dragon Bravo Fire, and impaired emergency response access in the smoke-filled canyon, the following areas are closed to all visitor use:

- North Kaibab Trail and South Kaibab Trail
- Bright Angel Trail below Havasupai Garden. River exchanges are allowed to pass through this area at their discretion.
- Phantom Ranch and Bright Angel Campground. River runners are not to stop at Boat Beach, but may continue to Pipe Creek beach for exchanges.
- River Trail between Pipe Creek and the South Kaibab
- Tonto East between Havasupai Garden and Tip Off
- All backcountry routes and canyoneering routes stemming from the North or South Kaibab, or the Bright Angel Trail.

The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park will remain closed for the duration of the 2025 season.

U.S. Route 89A is closed between Fredonia and Bitter Springs. The North Kaibab Ranger District of the National Forest is closed.

Evacuations established as part of the nearby White Sage Fire are in effect for the Jacob Lake area. Evacuation information can be obtained through the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

Weather & Smoke: Monday's weather forecast includes high temperatures, low humidities and strong wind guests. 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 fire airnow.gov. Fire behavior remains extremely active.

More Information: A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the area of the Dragon Bravo Fire.

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

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