



Southwest Area Type II Incident Management Team KP Incident

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A Type III Incident Management Team will take over management of the KP Fire at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The fire is 90 percent contained at an estimated 15,181 acres.

Currently there are 243 personnel on the fire, although that number will decrease over the next few days.

Fire fighters will continue mopping up along U.S. Highway 191 tomorrow.

Because the fire is still burning on the interior, fire managers say smoke will be seen over the area for some time. Steep rugged terrain, inaccessibility, broken topography and heavy fuels made a direct attack on the fire's eastern flank impractical. The fire is expected to creep toward the eastern containment boundary constructed during the last few days. Incident and District personnel will continue to monitor the fire's progress taking suppression action as necessary.

NOTE: Road blocks on U.S. Highway 191 were moved today, reopening several miles of the highway. The road block at the Beaverhead turnoff (mp 240) was moved to Blue Vista allowing visitors to go to the overlook. On the south end a road block was placed at Rose Peak. The section of highway between the road blocks will remain closed while a hazardous materials crew continues cleanup of a fuel spill.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This will be the last news release from this incident management team. Further information may be obtained by calling the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests at (928) 333-4301 or visiting the forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf.

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(928) 339-4133 (until noon Tuesday)**