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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **The National Park Service managing the Roosevelt Fire on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park**

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – The National Park Service (NPS) is currently managing a Wildland Fire Use Fire on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park to accomplish resource objectives.

The Roosevelt Fire, a lightning-cause fire discovered July 19 on the Walhalla Plateau, is approximately 7 miles east of the North Rim developed area. Although the fire received some precipitation over the weekend, the fire is approximately 35 acres and actively burning in ponderosa pine, Gambel oak and aspen. The Roosevelt Fire is burning in an area that last saw fire during the Vista Fire of 2001. As weather conditions permit, smoke from the Roosevelt Fire may be visible from the air, the North Rim developed area, and various North and South Rim viewpoints. Grand Canyon National Park fire personnel continue to monitor fire behavior and weather.

Wildland Fire Use is a strategy that allows some lightning-caused fires to burn within a defined area, when weather and wind conditions are favorable, to benefit the park's natural resources. Wildland Fire Use is designed to mimic the lightning-caused fires that once occurred at Grand Canyon National Park by reducing dead forest fuel accumulations to ash, releasing soil nutrients, increasing habitat diversity, and creating a more sustainable ecosystem.

No area or road closures are currently in effect for this fire. Fire information for the Roosevelt Fire will only be updated if circumstances change significantly.

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