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Cow Head Fire Update #1

Five firefighters from Saguaro National Park and the Coronado National Forest were flown by helicopter to the Saddle Fire this morning. Fire behavior during the day was creeping and smoldering. Firefighters used Minimum Impact Suppression (MIST) Tactics, a "light hand on the land" approach to minimize impacts to Park resources. As of 4:00 pm today, the Cow Head Fire is 3.5 acres is size, and is now 100% contained. An additional reconnaissance flight will be conducted tomorrow to confirm the absence of fire activity. This incident demonstrates that although the area is beginning to receive monsoon moisture, conditions are such that fuels may still be receptive to ignition sources.

National Park Service officials remind visitors that fire restrictions remain in place.

- Fires are prohibited, except in developed picnic areas or backcountry campsites.
- Smoking is permitted only within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is free of flammable materials.
- Use and possession of fireworks is prohibited year-round.

This will be the FINAL update for the Cow Head Fire. For additional information and photos of the Cow Head Fire, visit <u>www.nps.gov/fire</u>.

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