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Grand Canyon's North Rim to reopen Monday

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Grand Canyon National Park's North Rim and Arizona State Highway 67 will reopen to the public Monday, July 3, unless conditions change due to the Warm Fire. The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park has been closed since Monday, June 26. The closure was precipitated by the Warm Fire which is about 2 miles south and east of Jacob Lake and approximately 30 miles north of the North Rim developed area.

Both the North Rim of Grand Canyon and Highway 67 will reopen at 8:00 a.m. All services provided by the National Park Service including the Visitor Center, Grand Canyon Association bookstore, backcountry permit reservations, and campground will open at 8:00 a.m. Ranger programs will resume on Monday as scheduled in *The Guide*, the Park's free publication.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Inc., at the North Rim (Xanterra) which provides lodging, restaurant services – including a snack bar and coffee bar, a general store and gas station, and Grand Canyon Trail Rides (mule rides) will also reopen to the public on Monday, July 3. All facilities will open at 8:00 a.m. with the exception of the lodge dining room which will open at noon for lunch.

Visitors can check the status of their hotel reservations on the North Rim by calling Xanterra reservations in Denver at (888) 297-2757. Those calling from outside of the United States must call (303) 297-2757. Questions regarding campground reservations for the North Rim Campground can be answered by calling Spherix at (800) 365-2267. Callers from outside of the United States must call (301) 722-1257. For questions on mule rides, please call Grand Canyon Trail Rides at (435) 679-8665.

The North Kaibab Ranger District remains closed. Visitors with backcountry permits that require access through the North Kaibab Ranger District and those with questions regarding their backcountry permit should contact the Grand Canyon Backcountry Information Center at (928) 638-7875 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm MST.

The South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park remains open. All facilities and services on the South Rim are open and accessible. For additional park information, please call (928) 638-7888 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/grca.

The National Park Service would like to thank park visitors, employees and residents for their cooperation and understanding during the closure of the North Rim. They also extend their appreciation to all of the firefighters for their hard work and Joe Reinartz's Northern Arizona Type 2 Incident Management Team, the Kaibab National Forest, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety and Arizona Department of Transportation for their assistance over the last several days escorting visitors, employees and residents from the closed area. And a special thanks goes to the North Rim concessioners Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Inc. and Grand Canyon Trails Rides as well as to the Grand Canyon Association for their cooperation and assistance. And last but not least, to the American Red Cross Salt Lake City Office, Coconino County Emergency Services and the Fredonia High School for their assistance in setting up and staffing a shelter for displaced employees and residents.

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