

## APS monitoring facilities near X Fire

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Early last evening, the Kaibab National Forest Service personnel reported a fire 2.5 miles south of Tusayan, which is east of Highway 64, near the Grand Canyon. APS facilities in the vicinity include the Williams Grand Canyon 69 kilovolt (kV) line and distribution lines in and around Tusayan.

The 69-kV line is not in harm's way as the fire is burning away from it to the northeast. The distribution line running to Desert View along the rim of the Grand Canyon is of concern, however. As of approximately 9 p.m. yesterday, the fire had grown to 2,500 acres and was about 1.5 miles southwest of the Desert View line.

Last night's firefighting efforts were focused on putting a line around the fire while the wind and temperatures are down. According to [Kent Bushman](#), Section Leader, Forestry and Special Programs – Northeast, crews were able to get a dozer line around the head of the fire and along the east side and as of early this morning, the crews are holding the fire.

The winds remain a concern however, as Bushman reported there were gusts of more than 35 miles per hour this morning.

"Overnight four Hot Shot crews and engines arrived and the Forest Service is hopeful they can hold the fire with the additional resources now in place," Bushman said.

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