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CALLS FORT WILDLAND FIRE USE

The Calls Fort Wildland Fire Use Complex consists of four lightning caused fires which are located on the westside of the Wellsville Mountain Wilderness just north of Brigham City, Utah and to date have burned approximately 8 acres and are burning in grass, Juniper and mountain brush. The fires are being managed as Wildland Fire Use for a variety of resource benefits.

Fire Use is a term fire managers use when describing fires that are allowed to burn naturally within pre-identified boundaries. The wildland fire use management tool allows managers to achieve desired resource benefits within the forest ecosystem by actively managing fires in specific areas and under conditions pre-identified in the 2003 revised Wasatch-Cache National Forest Management Plan and Fire Management Plan. Managing a naturally caused fire to improve fire dependent ecosystems provides significant environmental benefits such as vegetation regeneration, wildlife habitat enhancement and hazardous fuels reduction.

The Calls Fort Complex is being monitored daily and fire managers will review the progress of the fires and at times may take appropriate suppression action in order to protect life and property or reduce the potential for localized soil movement. Smoke from the fires may be visible for the next few weeks, depending on weather conditions and fire behavior.

Information about the Calls Fort Complex can be obtained at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf>

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