

# News *fire information*

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The Sheep Fence Fire is burning on BLM land in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. The lightning caused fire was reported to Color Country Fire Dispatch on July 15 and is burning in a remote area of the monument on the southern end of Fifty Mile Mountain. Currently, the fire is approximately 700 acres in size and is located 23 miles south of Escalante. The fire is burning in pinyon, juniper, and sage and is being monitored from the air.

Presently there are no structures or private land threatened. Recent precipitation and natural features surrounding the fire, such as rocky outcroppings and ledges, should keep the fire from growing beyond Buck Ridge. Since the fire is burning in a remote area with little access for ground personnel, the BLM will continue to monitor the fire from the air and will allow the fire to go out naturally for resource benefits. A suppression plan is in place should the fire grow unexpectedly beyond Buck Ridge.

Recreationalists should stay away from the southern end of Fifty Mile Mountain between Mudhole Canyon and Blackburn Canyon while the fire is burning. Lake and Middle Trails, as well as the pack trail just north of the fire, should also be avoided at this time. Please contact the BLM at (435)865-3013 for more information concerning this fire.

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