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Mathis Fire Burning Three Miles North of Kenilworth

Carbon County, UT ... Friday evening around 3PM, lightning started a fire three miles north of Kenilworth, UT. The fire was ignited on private land and quickly spread to lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). As of Sunday morning the fire was 970 acres.

Currently the State of Utah and the BLM are managing the fire. Rich Harvey's Type II Incident Management Team (IMT) will be coming in this evening to take over the incident management. IMT's consist of personnel from State Agencies, US Forest Service, BLM and other land management agencies. The teams are highly trained in managing complex incidents.

Resources on the fire include, 2 Dozers, 2 Water tenders, 3 Wildland fire engines, 2 helicopters, 3 shot crews (with one in route). Many other resources are on order or in route.

The fire is currently burning in grass, shrubs, sage, pinyon, juniper and mixed conifer fuel types. At this time, no structures are threatened and Milburn Mine is on alert due to the smoke issues. The fire could also potentially threaten the elk preserve.

For more information please call Heather O'Hanlon @ 435-259-2184. For additional wildfire information, please go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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