



Fire Update

For Immediate Release

**Milford Flats
Fire**
Kanosh, Utah

July 13, 2007, 08:00 am

Fire Information Center: 1-435-759-2452
1-435-759-2464
1-435-759-2458

Fire Facts

Date Started: July 06, 2007

Cause of Ignition: Lightning

Location: West of I-15, north of Milford-UT
and South of Fillmore UT

Size: 363,052 acres

Percent Contained: 65%

Time of Containment: July 17, 2007

Number of Personnel: 564

Aircraft: 2 Type 1 and 1 Type 3 Helicopters

Equipment: 34 Engines, 10 Bulldozers, 5 Water Tenders,

Crews: 3 Type 1 and 9 Type 2

Cost to date: \$2.6M

Structures Lost: 1 summer home, 2 out buildings

Yesterday's Fire Activity

Dozer and handlines were improved along the southern and northern edge of the fire with the rest of the perimeter showing no appreciable activity. A burnout was conducted by firefighters in order to secure the southern perimeter located in the mineral mountains. This successful burnout will minimize the threat to the I-15 corridor.

Today's Planned Activity

Today's focus will be to continue dozer and handlines along the southern edge of the fire, located on the Mineral Mountains, and up along the western side of the fire.

Structure protection will continue within the Cove Fort area, and mop up will be prioritized in this area. Rehabilitation of the soils will also begin throughout the fire today.

Isolated thunderstorms are expected to occur over the mountains. Relative humidity is beginning to drop and will continue to drop over the next couple of days. Temperatures will gradually begin to rise making conditions dryer and hotter. Firefighter continue to monitor changing weather conditions.

An organized Initial Attack crew is now available on the fire. If any new starts begin, these crews will be ready and heading out to the fire within minutes.

There is currently no eminent threat to public safety and there are no current plans for evacuation of residents. Depending on fire activity in the vicinity of Mandersfield Utah, it may be necessary to temporarily close Interstate 15 for the safety of public travelers and for the firefighters conducting suppression operations.

Other Important Messages

Fire danger remains high and the public is encouraged to be careful with fire especially when leaving established recreational areas or roadways. For specific information on area closures and fire information, contact your local BLM, Forest Service, or Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. Drivers are cautioned to reduce speeds when ever fire personnel or equipment is present.

For updated road and closure information, please dial 511, Utah Department of Transportation.

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