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Multiple Management Actions Initiated on the Mill Hollow Wildland Fire Use Incident

Roosevelt, Utah. . . The Mill Hollow fire continues to grow slowly up from 533 acres to 668 acres. The fire is wind-driven and is being carried by the down and dead bug kill pine and fir trees. Today, with additional crews joining the Mill Hollow Wildland Fire Use incident, multiple management actions were put into operation.

Crews continued working on securing the eastern flank of the fire by digging direct fire line, clearing vegetation and mopping up hot spots. These same crews are also building a contingency line to prepare for a potential burnout of access fuels Sunday evening. Their objective is to keep it out of the wide spread bug kill in the Flat Ridge Spring drainage. The burnout would eliminate fuel that could carry fire into the drainage. The burnout will occur at night with cooler temperatures, less wind, and higher moisture levels.

The fire is slowly creeping toward the Reservation Ridge Road. As a precaution the Kings Peak Wildland Fire Use Module, a specialized 10 person crew, began assessing a number of structures along Reservation Ridge to develop a preliminary plan as the fire creeps toward the road.

The firefighter that was injured yesterday and transported by helicopter to the University of Utah Medical Center was held overnight for observation and released this morning. His injuries were less severe than first indicated. "Safety of our firefighters and the public is our number one priority," explains Kraig Carroll, Safety Officer on the Great Basin Wildland Fire Use Team. "Any time any of our people are injured we take it very seriously. The firefighter's injuries had the potential to be very serious and that is how we responded."

A road and trail closure order remains in place for roads and trails just east and north of Cat's Peak, Forest System Road (FSR) #081, #074, #076 and Forest System Trail #082. The Reservation Ridge Road (FSR) #147 remains open.

The Mill Hollow Fire started on June 23, 2008 from a single lightning strike. For more information about Wildland Fire Use on the Ashley National Forest visit:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/publications/2008%20wildland_fire_use_brochure_ver2.pdf

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