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Update – Mill Hollow Wildland Fire Use Incident

Duchesne, Utah – Cooler temperatures and higher humidity resulted in decreased fire behavior yesterday. Thunderstorms skirted the Northeast flank of the fire causing fire managers to rule out the possibility of a burnout operation. Crews focused on eliminating active hot spots from areas on the East side of the fire. The management team is satisfied with the fire's effects on the beetle killed timber stands where fire activity has been most active.

The total acreage stands at 689, and the team is optimistic that the fire will continue to benefit the forest by reducing the fuel load and hazard trees. The overall personnel count stands at 118, while one helicopter was released back to its home area.

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

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 Ashley National Forest is a superb piece of public land and a recreational treasure. Please enjoy your public lands responsibly; make sure campfires are well-planned and completely extinguished after use.

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