



News Release

Dixie National Forest

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BRIDGE FIRE CONTINUES TO BURN NEAR BRYCE CANYON

Panguitch, UT - The Powell Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest and Bryce Canyon National Park are continuing to manage their first fire of the 2009 fire season. The June 14th lightning-caused Bridge Fire is burning approximately 8 miles south/southwest of the community of Bryce Canyon City. The fire is currently at 207 acres. Fire crews from both Bryce Canyon National Park and the Dixie National Forest are managing the fire.

A burn out operation was conducted on the east flank of the fire on June 24. This management action was taken to protect wildlife habitat. The other aspects of the fire are continuing to meet the management objectives of improving forest health and reducing hazardous fuels. Specialists from different disciplines, including wildlife, fuels, and timber, continue to monitor the results of the fire. If the fire were no longer benefiting the resources identified for this burn, different management actions would be taken or the fire would be suppressed.

Smoke from the fire may be visible from the East Fork Road, Highway 12, and Highway 63.

As with all fires on the Forest and Park, firefighter and public safety is the number one priority. No physical, natural, or cultural resource is worth a human life, and fire managers plan all activities accordingly.

For more information on this and other fires in Utah, go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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