



MATHIS FIRE UPDATE

Information number: (435) 613-4204

Monday, July 09, 2007

Evening Update, 9:00p.m.: Today the Mathis Fire continued to spread to the southeast and fire behavior remains extreme with crowning and long range spotting. A portable retardant batch plant was setup at the Price Airport allowing for the delivery of several retardant drops by helicopters. Heavy air tanker retardant drops also aided in fire suppression activities. A dozer constructed an indirect containment line to protect mine vents and hand crews cleaned out fuel under power lines that supply the Aberdeen mine.

If weather conditions permit, crews will begin a burnout on the west side of the fire tomorrow to clean out unburned fuel in areas not accessible within the fire boundary. This will produce extensive smoke visible from surrounding communities. **Residents should not be concerned as the smoke columns are a normal result of a successful burnout.**

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: Public access to the area surrounding the fire is restricted for public safety and to provide for firefighter access. The Emma Park Road is closed to Nine Mile Canyon and the Whitmore Park Road to Emma Park Road is also closed. The Price to Kenilworth Road remains open; however, travel on the Ronco Road and into Cordingly Canyon is restricted north of Kenilworth. The public is urged to avoid the area.

General Location: 3 miles north of Kenilworth, UT

Current Size: 1300 acres

Jurisdiction: Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands and Bureau of Land Management

Containment: 10%

Estimated Containment Date: Unknown

Cost to Date: \$661,900

Cause: Lightning

Injuries: None

Resources: 6 crews, 4 helicopters, 10 engines, 2 dozers and 249 personnel

Cooperating Agencies: Cooperators include BLM, Forest Service, Carbon County Commissioner, Emergency Service, Sheriff, Road Department, and GIS; Utah American Mines & Aberdeen Mine, Counties of Emery and Duchesne, Price City Fire Dept., Helper City Fire and Police Depts.; Wellington City Fire Dept.; State of Utah and the Western Energy Training Center of the College of Eastern Utah.

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