

Church Camp Fire Update

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Some Structures Lost On Church Camp Fire

Duchesne, Utah – Civil authorities believe approximately 12 structures have been destroyed as of last night. Currently it is unknown what types of structures or specific locations where they were lost. The fire was estimated to be 4,000 acres last night but due to smoke and limited visibility that number may change. On the east and north flanks of the fire, local fire departments have set up structure protection.

The mandatory evacuation ordered yesterday by Duchesne County authorities remains in effect for the Argyle Canyon Road, east of State Road 191 to Gardner Canyon and 2 miles north and 2 miles south of Argyle Canyon Road.

Until civil authorities and firefighters can insure the public of safe access to the Argyle Canyon Road, it is requested the public avoid travel in the area, allowing firefighters and equipment to work safely.

U.S Highway 191 remains open to the public, for now. However because of smoke and fire activity if you must travel this route use extreme caution and please not stop. Fire activity and equipment will slow travel over the next several days.

Today hand crews will be constructing line and assisting local fire departments with structure protection in the Argyle Canyon area.

Great Basin Incident Management Team 4, led by John Kidd, assumed command of the fire this morning, bringing additional resources to manage the fire, burning approximately 20 miles south west of Duchesne, UT.

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Currently six helicopters, 16 engines, three handcrews and 150 fire personnel are working the fire today, and more are on order. A temporary flight restriction is in place to prevent potential interference with helicopters working on the fire.

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