

Church Camp Fire Update

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Church Camp Fire Increases in Size

Duchesne, Utah – Today’s conditions allowed for a more accurate mapping of the Church Camp Fire’s outside edge. The fire perimeter was mapped from the air with a helicopter mounted GPS today and was calculated at slightly over 5,000 acres. *“This doesn’t mean the entire 5,000 acres are black, it’s the nature of wildland fire to burn in a pattern of burned and unburned islands depending on vegetation, topography and winds.”* Said Joel Gosswiller, Fire Behavior Analyst with Great Basin Incident Management Team 4.

The fire, burning in mixed conifers, aspen and sage fuels is estimated at 5% containment and was most active today on the northern side with slightly less intense fire behavior. The weather over the fire was slightly more favorable for firefighters than originally predicted this morning, allowing for some gains particularly on the west and south east perimeter.

Property owners, currently under a mandatory evacuation, have been understanding for the most part when the circumstances are explained. Narrow access roads must be kept clear of civilian traffic to allow firefighting equipment to move about. Burned snags, power lines and fuel tanks must be secured. When the fire is at a point where property owners can safely be allowed back in the Duchesne County Sheriffs Office will make notification by media.

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.

Assigned to the fire are 318 personnel, 4 helicopters, 12 engines and 4 water tenders

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