

# Church Camp Fire Update

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### Church Camp Firefighters Efforts Continue

Duchesne, Utah – Efforts to keep the Church Camp Fire, burning 20 miles south of Duchesne, from impacting Indian Canyon and U.S. 191 were aided by a successful burnout operation carried out last night.

For several days the fire has been slowly working its way down slope off of Rocky Top and Jackson Hole Ridge toward Spring Hollow. To prevent the fire from gaining strength and intensity as it crosses the flat and impacts the highway, firefighters laid down a strip of fire to remove fuel between the road and the main fire front.

This is a tactic often used in situations where it is unsafe to have firefighters digging line closer to the flame front. The same tactic was used in the late afternoon on Friday and will be used along other sections of the fire's perimeter to stop outward spread of the fire.

Structure protection continues to be the top priority within Argyle Canyon. Much of that effort focused on the Bear Claw, Upper and Lower Mill, and Beaver Canyons along with the Rocky Top/Jackson Hole areas.

The mandatory evacuation for Argyle Canyon and the road closure for Argyle Canyon Road remain in effect. Highway 191 remains open.

Currently there are 535 personnel on the fire comprised of: three Type 1 and 13 Type 2 crews, 21 engines, four helicopters, two dozers and 10 water tenders.

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