

Uinta Fire Update

Neola, Utah ... The Uinta Fire was reported at about 9 a.m. on July 4th and is now reported at 5 acres in size and burning in Uinta Canyon approximately 18 miles northwest of Neola, Utah in heavy timber on the Ashley National Forest.

The Uinta Fire is burning about 2 miles northwest of the Uinta Canyon Trailhead on the Uinta Canyon Trail (trail number 044) with torching, spotting and crown fire.

The Uinta Canyon Trailhead and Uinta Canyon Trail have been closed to ensure access for firefighters.

For those hiking in the wilderness, firefighters will be stationed above the fire along the Chain Lakes Trail (trail number 043) and the Uinta Canyon Trail to inform the public of routes to avoid the fire.

Currently there are about 34 firefighters, 1 engine and 3 helicopters working on the Uinta Fire.

There are no structures at risk. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

For those entering the wilderness from the West Fork or Chepeta Trailheads, they will not be able to exit down the Uinta Canyon Trail and will be turned around just west of Fox Lake on trail number 045.