

Uintah Fire

Neola, Utah ... The Uintah fire is approximately 15 acres in size. The weather today brought light rain to the fire area, minimizing growth.

Firefighters continue to move resources to the fire area that is 2 miles from the nearest road and construct line.

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

The Uintah fire is burning about 2 miles northwest of the Uinta Canyon Trailhead on the Uinta Canyon Trail (trail number 044).

The Uinta Canyon Trailhead and Uinta Canyon Trail have been closed for public safety.

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

Currently there are about 80 firefighters, 1 engine assigned to the fire, and 3 helicopters working on the Uintah 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.

At 6 a.m. on July 6th John Kidd's Great Basin Incident Management Team #4 that is currently managing the Church Camp Fire will assume control of the Uintah Fire.