



CLAY SPRINGS FIRE

06/30/2012 AM Update

Fire Facts:

Location: Millard Co. Utah

Size: 88,000 acres

Date Started: 06/27/2012

Cause: Human – under investigation

Percent Contained: 15%

Resources: 15 engines, 4 water tenders, 2 dozers, 2 handcrews, 6 helicopters

Injuries to Date: 2

Total Personnel: 250

Residences: 1 summer home destroyed; 75 homes threatened

Outbuildings: 2 destroyed

Fire Update.

Last night fire crews began to fire out the area on the north end of the fire to secure the fire line into Highway 132. Volunteer firefighters from Nephi Volunteer Fire Department assisted in this operation throughout the night.

Large thunder storm like clouds have been building over the fire and extreme fire behavior has been seen by fire crews. Weather forecasts show that a Red Flag Warning is still in effect until Sunday at 10 p.m.

The fire has continued to grow as a result of high winds and temperatures in the high 90's. Firefighters have been using ground crews and aircraft to build containment lines on the north portion of the fire near Highway 132 and the east side of the fire west of the communities of Mills and Scipio. The south end of the fire has been growing and plans to build containment lines are being prepared.

Burnout operations are occurring in stages as needed in the northern edge, along the eastern edge and in the southern boundary of the current fire perimeter. This will reduce fuel in advance of the fire. When the wildfire reaches the burnout area, it is stopped by the lack of fuel.

Smoke will be visible in the local communities around the fire and people with health problems can have increased difficulty. Please avoid the smoke if possible.

Southern California Incident Management Team 1 is managing the fire and working closely with Utah State, BLM, and USFS fire management personnel to suppress the fire. Local volunteer fire departments continue to provide excellent support to suppression efforts.

*** Please remember to celebrate the 4th of July safely and remember follow the statewide fire restrictions.***

Weather: 98 degrees, Relative Humidity-6-9%, Winds-10-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph

Current Evacuations: No evacuations are currently in effect

Communities Potentially Threatened: Mills, Scipio, Nephi and Oak City

Road Closures: Oak Canyon Road (Oak City)

Public Information: 909/379-9339 and 951/240-1124

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Website Info: www.utahfireinfo.gov or www.inciweb.org

Media: Please check in with Clay Springs Fire Information at the public information numbers above.

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