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PRESS RELEASE

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Wildfire Update – Porcupine Fire

Location: Porcupine Ridge, Approximately 7 miles southeast of Mayfield, UT

Elevation: 9,000 feet

Cause: Lightning

Start Date: Saturday, July 23, 2016

Legal Location: Township 20 South, Range 2 East, in Section 21

Jurisdiction: Sanpete Ranger District, Manti La Sal National Forest

Fire Size: Approximately 158 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field)

Fire Summary: The Porcupine fire had minimal growth yesterday and remains at 158 acres. Crews continued work on control lines to check fire spread to the north. Tactics are designed to minimize risk to firefighters and achieve resource objectives. The fire continues to creep and smolder through patchy fuels with occasional single tree torching. Objectives are to manage the fire to reduce fuels, clean up old dead and down wood, and reduce conifer encroachment in aspen. A red flag warning remains in effect today for dry thunderstorms and gusty winds.

Closures:

Road and trail closures are in place to ensure public and firefighter safety during fire operations. Roads and trails affected by the Porcupine Fire closure area:

- (Unnamed Forest Service Road) (FSR # 1272)
- (Unnamed Forest Service Road) (FSR # 1212)
- Victim Ridge Trail (Forest Service Trail) (FST # 127)

These roads are restricted to vehicles under 2500 lbs GVW and will have a 10 mph speed limit:

- Beaver Creek Road (FSR #0290)
- Clear Creek Flat Road to Woods Lake (FSR #0159)

These closures will be in effect from the date signed until August 31, unless rescinded.

Structures: No structures threatened.

Percent Contained: 0%

Fuels: Subalpine Fir with an understory of timber litter, grass, and shrubs.

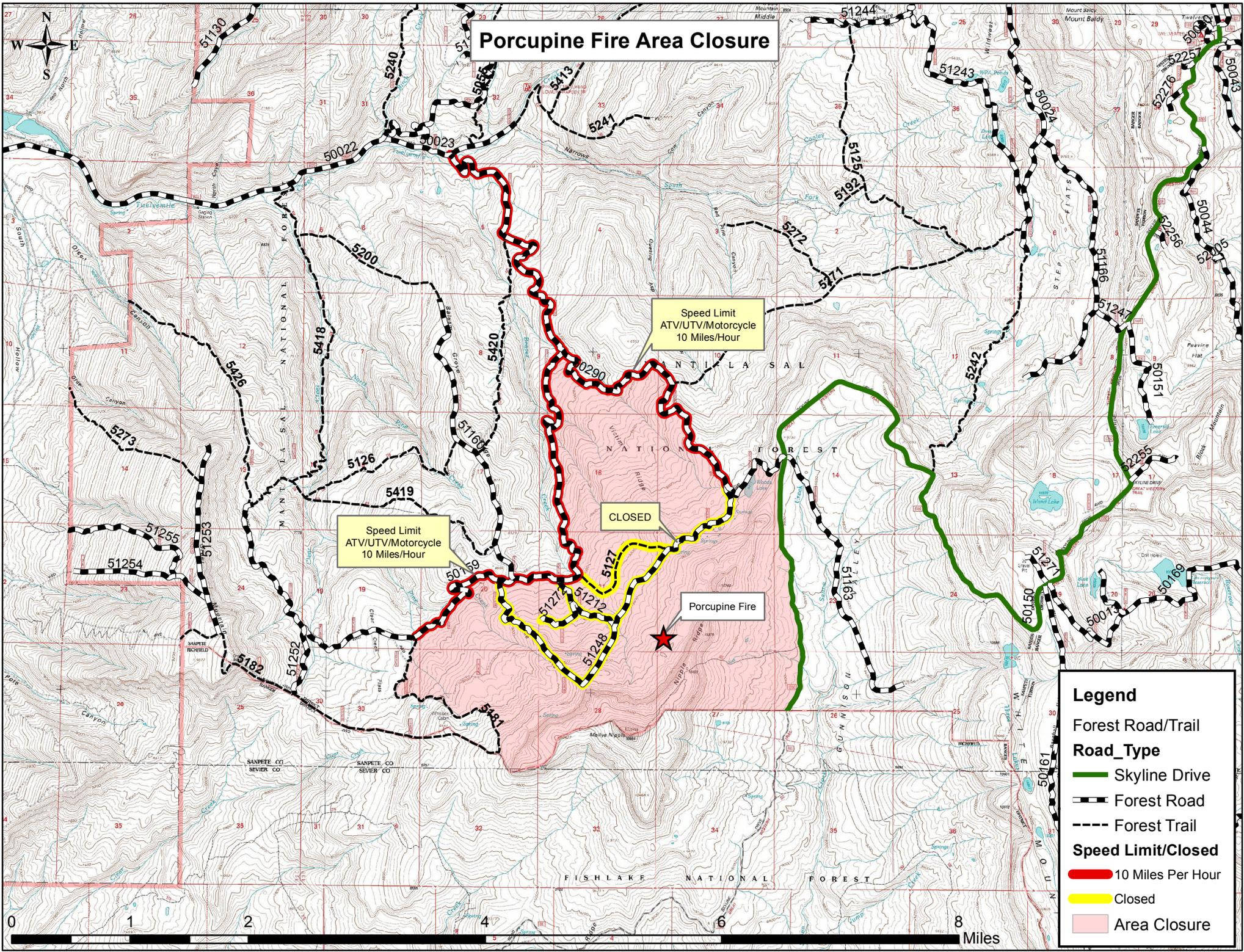
Fire Crews/Resources: Crews include Tusher Mountain Fire Use Module and the Skyline Handcrew. They will be monitoring the fire and improving control lines to keep the fire in desired areas.

For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org



Porcupine Fire Area Closure



Speed Limit
ATV/UTV/Motorcycle
10 Miles/Hour

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CLOSED

Porcupine Fire

Legend

Forest Road/Trail

Road_Type

- Skyline Drive
- Forest Road
- Forest Trail

Speed Limit/Closed

- 10 Miles Per Hour
- Closed
- Area Closure