

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Sanpete Ranger District

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: August 3, 2016

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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

Jurisdiction: Sanpete Ranger District, Manti La Sal National Forest

Fire Size: Approximately 238 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field)

Fire Summary: A helicopter reconnaissance and more accurate mapping now puts the Porcupine fire at 238 acres. The fire continues to creep and smolder through patchy fuels with occasional single tree torching. Crews are using opportunities provided by ideal weather to burn out areas of dead and down wood. Control lines are in place to check fire spread to the north. Fire managers are scouting locations for control lines to the south of the fire. Tactics are designed to minimize risk to firefighters and achieve resource objectives. Objectives are to manage the fire to reduce fuels, clean up old dead and down wood, and reduce conifer encroachment in aspen. Partly cloudy skies with isolated showers are forecast through Friday with a return to drier conditions over the weekend.

Public Meeting: There will be a public meeting to update the community on the progress of the Porcupine fire on Friday, August 5 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Mayfield City Hall.

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 include:

- (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These closures will be in effect from the date signed until August 31, unless rescinded.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 Tushar Mountain Fire Use Module and the Skyline Handcrew. They will be monitoring the fire, taking fuels samples, and improving control lines.

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