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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Aspen Fire

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Summary: Color Country Interagency Communication Center received a report of a fire start on Bumblebee Mountain on the Pine Valley District of the Dixie National Forest. Local resources are on scene and aerial resources are currently being used. Smoke from the Aspen Fire can be seen from Cedar City.

Start Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Location: North of Bumblebee Mountain, 13 Miles Southwest of Cedar City

Jurisdiction: Pine Valley Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

Fire Size: Estimated at 400 acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field).

Cause: Lightning (lightning and storms passed through southern Utah on 6/11 and 6/12)

Closures: No closures at this time.

Fuels: Grass, brush and timber.

Structures: Scattered structures to the north of the fire are threatened.

Fire Crews/Resources: Local resources on scene are 2 engines from Forest Service, 1 engine from the Bureau of Land Management and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, an Aerial Supervision aircraft (Air Attack), 5 Single engine air tankers (SEATS), one Type 3 Helicopter, and a Color Country Type 3 team. Orders have been placed for two Type 1 or Type 2 crews and one Lead Plane.

Air operation have currently been suspended due to wind gusts reaching up to 40 miles per hour.

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