

Suppression Actions Combined with Rains Diminish the Oak Grove Fire

ST. GEORGE, UTAH –Fire personnel suppression actions combined with rain kept the Oak Grove Fire at 943 acres and an increase to seventy percent containment. Significant rain fell over the area the past few days with rain still in the forecast. Approximately ninety people were demobilized from the fire, which includes three Interagency Hotshot crews and one Type 2 initial attack crew.

“Fire behavior is very minimal with some interior smoldering and light smoke remaining,” said Eric Eastep Incident Commander. Approximately forty firefighters remain on the fire to finish securing the fire perimeter, work on rehabilitation efforts and to secure the Oak Grove Campground if any flame rekindle.

The closure order remains in effect for Oak Grove Road #032 to Oak Grove Campground. All other closure areas have been withdrawn. The forest closure order for the Oak Grove road will continue until the fire danger, suppression and rehabilitation operations subside.

The Type 3 Incident Management Team will transition the fire management back to the Pine Valley Ranger District on Wednesday.

Fire personnel are grateful for the support the communities, partners and the public have shown in resource support, donations of food and most importantly, in the kind words of encouragement and appreciation.

Remember that there are actions you can take, no matter your role, to reduce your risk for the next wildfire. Make your neighborhood a fire adapted community, visit www.fireadapted.org for tips, how to's, and resources. Be safe. Be prepared. Be Firewise at www.firewise.org.

This will be the last press release for the Oak Grove Fire unless there are significant changes. Please continue to follow continued progress and rehabilitation operations through the Dixie National Forest social media sites.

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