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Hicks Creek Fire Burns 1,500 Acres Southwest of Cedar City

Cedar City, UT – The Hicks Creek Fire, burning south of Cedar City has grown to approximately 1,500 acres as of Oct. 17 and is not contained. The cause is under investigation and early indications are that a private landowner checking on a smoldering pile of logging debris reported it yesterday evening. Firefighters responded at that time and based on dozer lines and other containment features, planned to suppress the fire beginning the following morning. High winds after midnight caused the fire to escape containment resulting in rapid growth and a call for resources. Three homes were evacuated early this morning and structure protection is in place.

Although, evacuations at this time include only three homes, residents in the Cedar Highlands area are advised to prepare in case fire behavior triggers a need for more evacuations.

A public meeting is scheduled this evening for impacted residents including the Cedar Highlands subdivision. Fire managers will be available to brief on the current fire situation and outlook as well as to answer questions from the public. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the LDS Church building located at 1120 W. Greens Lake Drive in Cedar City.

Resources from the State of Utah-Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands; Bureau of Land Management; US Forest Service; Cedar City Fire and Iron County. A type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) is managing the fire for full suppression. Fire managers are requesting public avoid the area and advise that Old Highway 91 between Kanarrville and Cedar City and the mountain roads above Shurtz Creek are closed.

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