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## **Influx of Firefighting Resources for Hicks Creek Fire**

Cedar City, UT – Yesterday, containment on the Hicks Fire got underway with a surge of firefighting resources. Hand crews began working on containment lines with crews focused on the west flank of the fire nearest the homes in Shurtz Creek. Two helicopters were used to drop buckets of water on hotspots which enabled crews to make direct attack on the fire's edge. Heavy air tankers dropped retardant on the northeast front slowing the progress toward homes in the community of Cedar Highlands. About 200 hand crew and engine personnel are being used to bring the fire to full containment.

A community meeting was held last night in Cedar Highlands where fire managers presented a current situational update and a briefing on future strategy for concerned residents. About 80 people attended and were given prospects and instructions for future evacuations that could be ordered if the fire progresses past an established trigger point south of the community.

The fire increased in size by about 70 acres and is still 2-3 miles from Cedar Highlands. Overnight, it did not make any sustained movement closer to the community. Containment efforts today will be heavily focused on the fire perimeter closest to homes. Incident personnel will also be in communities today assessing possible strategies if the fire gets to that point.

The mountain roads above Shurtz Creek remain closed, but Old Highway 91 and Kanarrville Mountain Road are open to normal traffic. Motorists may encounter fire trucks in the area and incident managers are asking for patience and caution. The Southern View mountain biking trail is also closed until further notice to accommodate aerial firefighting support.

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*For more information on the Hicks Creek Fire visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5068/>*

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