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Lightning Storm Ignites at Least Eleven Fires in Color Country Area

Cedar City, UT—Lightning storms across northern Arizona, western Nevada, and southwestern Utah resulted in over six hundred lightning strikes across the area within the last 24 hours. Those lightning strikes have resulted in at least eleven fires in the Color Country Dispatch area. Color Country Dispatch, based out of Cedar City, Utah, is responsible for coordinating wildland fire suppression efforts in the southwestern Utah and northern Arizona area.

The largest fire started from this lightning bust is the Middle Ridge fire, which started on the Nevada side of the Utah-Nevada border, approximately 5 miles south of Beaver Dam State Park in Nevada. After ignition, the fire burned across the state line into Utah and was reported to be over a hundred acres.

Other large fires in the area include the Bull Mountain fire which is approximately 80 acres and is located about three miles north of Enterprise Reservoir. The Basin fire is 60 to 80 acres and is located approximately eight miles north of Gunlock.

Several other fires have been reported near Enterprise Reservoir, Utah Hill, Gunlock, Jackson Wash, Motoqua, Quichipah, and Wolf Hole areas.

Fire restrictions have been in place since June 18th in all of Washington County in Utah and areas of Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona. All of Iron and Kane counties, and areas within Garfield, and Beaver counties in Utah went into fire restrictions on July 1st.

The Color Country area is experiencing drought conditions, and these storms came with very little precipitation scattered across the region. Fire crews were out most of the night last night, and were back at it early this morning trying to suppress these fires.

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