

# News *fire information*

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## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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(Use hashtag #New Harmony)

**Summary:** Residents evacuated from the Bumblebee Ridge Subdivision are expected to return home by early evening tonight if current conditions persist. Evacuations are still in effect for the Bumblebee Ridge Subdivision and all areas north of New Harmony and south of Vandenberg Road, west of Interstate 15 until further notice. Kanarraville (east of I-15) and New Harmony evacuations have been lifted.

Interstate 15 and Old Highway 91 are currently open. Highway 144 is being restricted to local residents only. Most of the present fire activity is west of Interstate 15. Seven structures (homes/camp trailers), 22 out buildings (garages/sheds), and numerous vehicles have been lost.

Fire crews are making good progress on the fire, containment is now at 60 percent. A Color Country Type III Team assumed command today. The cause of this fire has been confirmed as a water pump malfunction located on Private land in New Harmony, Utah.

Good "Defensible Space" on Private land in conjunction with vegetation treatments on State and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, and effective firefighting efforts greatly contributed to many homes being saved.

**Start Date:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 1:50 p.m.

**Location:** New Harmony, Utah, west of Interstate 15.

**Jurisdiction:** State of Utah.

**Fire Size:** 1,826 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field). The fire has accurately mapped via helicopter GPS mission.

**Cause:** Water Pump Malfunction

**Fire Behavior:** Isolated tree torching, smoldering, and creeping is being observed west of Interstate 15.

**Closures:** Highway 144 is closed to non-residents.

**Structures:** Various structures are still threatened. Seven structures (homes/camp trailers), 22 out buildings (garages/sheds), and numerous vehicles have been lost.

**Percent Contained:** 60%

**Fuels:** Cheatgrass, mixed brush, and pinyon/juniper trees.

**Fire Crews/Resources:** Approximately 2 Type III Helicopters, 3 SEATS, 1 Heavy Air tanker, 20 Fire Engines, 1 Squad, 2 Hand Crews, 3 Water Tenders, and various Overhead. Jeramie Ybright's, Color Country Interagency Type III team has assumed command of the fire.

**Evacuations:** Evacuations are in still in effect for the Bumblebee Ridge Subdivision only.

**Injuries:** One firefighter was burned with first and second degree burns yesterday. He was treated and released at a local hospital.

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