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Wildfire Fact Sheet

Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire
(Use hashtag #New Harmony)

Summary: Fire personnel are currently working to secure hot spots in the Bumble Ridge Subdivision so residents can return to their homes by 12:00 noon today. Strong winds caused problematic fire behavior, delaying the lifting of evacuations.

Interstate 15, Highway 144 and Old Highway 91 are open and secure. Seven structures (homes/trailers), 22 out buildings (garages/sheds), and numerous vehicles have been lost.

The fire perimeter did not increase due to effective firefighting efforts, the fire is 70 percent contained. A Color Country Type III Team is in command. 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: Fire behavior has moderated, smoldering, and creeping is being observed west of Interstate 15.

Closures: Center street west of I-15 is still closed due to the evacuations.

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

Percent Contained: 70%

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. Approximately 100 firefighters are on scene.

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

Injuries: One firefighter was burned with first and second degree burns Wednesday. He was treated and released at a local hospital. No other injuries have been reported today.

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