

News *fire information*

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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Oak Grove Fire

Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire; @usfsdnf
(Use hashtag #OakGroveFire)

Summary: The fire was active again today with an increase in fire behavior in the afternoon hours. The fire is estimated at approximately 350 acres this evening. Expect to see smoke from I-15 corridor from St. George to Cedar City, Utah. Weather forecast shows a high pressure system over the area with an increase in temperatures and dry conditions over the next few days. Winds are expected to be 5-10 mph. Ground crews are prepping helicopter bucket water sources, helicopter landing zones, and Oak Grove Campground.

The fire is located in steep, rocky terrain within the Pine Valley Wilderness. No structures are threatened at this time.

Fire management objectives include:

- Provide for firefighter and public safety through the use of sound risk management and hazard mitigation.
- Maintain relationships with the local community and visiting public by minimizing the impact to municipal watersheds, private lands, and designated wilderness through full suppression strategies.
- Protect infrastructure in campgrounds, private lands, and water systems.

Crew Resources: Black Mesa interagency Type 1 hotshot crews, Payson interagency Type 1 Hotshot Crew, Coconino Type 2 Module Suppression Crew, Salt Lake County # 1 Unified Fire Authority Type 2 Initial Attack Crew, Southern Paiute Agency Type 2 Crew.

Aerial Resource: Type 3 helicopter, 4 SEATS, 2 heavy air tankers, Aerial Supervision, and a Type 2 helicopter

Expected resources ordered for 9/10/15: 1 additional Interagency Hotshot Crew (Silver State Hotshots) and a Type 1 Helicopter.

Approximately 115 people are assigned to the Oak Grove Fire.

Thank you to the community for the support we are receiving. Cooperation and collaboration with other federal agencies; state, local, and tribal government agencies; and volunteer fire departments are critical to safe and effective wildfire response.

The Color Country Type 3 Incident Management Team continues to evaluate the fire daily to gain situational awareness to best plan the next actions to ensure success through the incident. The number one priority will be for firefighter and public safety when making management decisions.

Start Date: Fire reported Tuesday morning, September 8, 2015

Location: Located within the Pine Valley Wilderness and two miles southwest of Oak Grove Campground.

Jurisdiction: Pine Valley Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

Fire Size: Estimated at 350 acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to about one football field).

Cause: Natural Cause-lightening

Fire Behavior: Torching, running, and spotting fire behavior is observed. Fire behavior is expected to diminish with lower temperatures and increase in humidity in the evening hours.

Closures: Forest Service road #032 to Oak Grove and Oak Grove Campground are closed. Additional road and trail closures are anticipated. The public and media are urged to use caution in the area to allow fire personnel access.

Structures: No structures are threatened

Percent Contained: 0%

Fuels: Pinyon and Juniper, Oak Brush, Mixed Conifer and Brush.

Fire Crews/Resources: The fire is managed by a Color Country Type 3 incident management team. Local resources include Forest Service, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and Bureau of Land Management, Hurricane and Leeds Fire Department.

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Aerial Resource: Type 3 helicopter, 4 SEATS, 2 heavy air tankers, Type 2 helicopter, arrived today as well

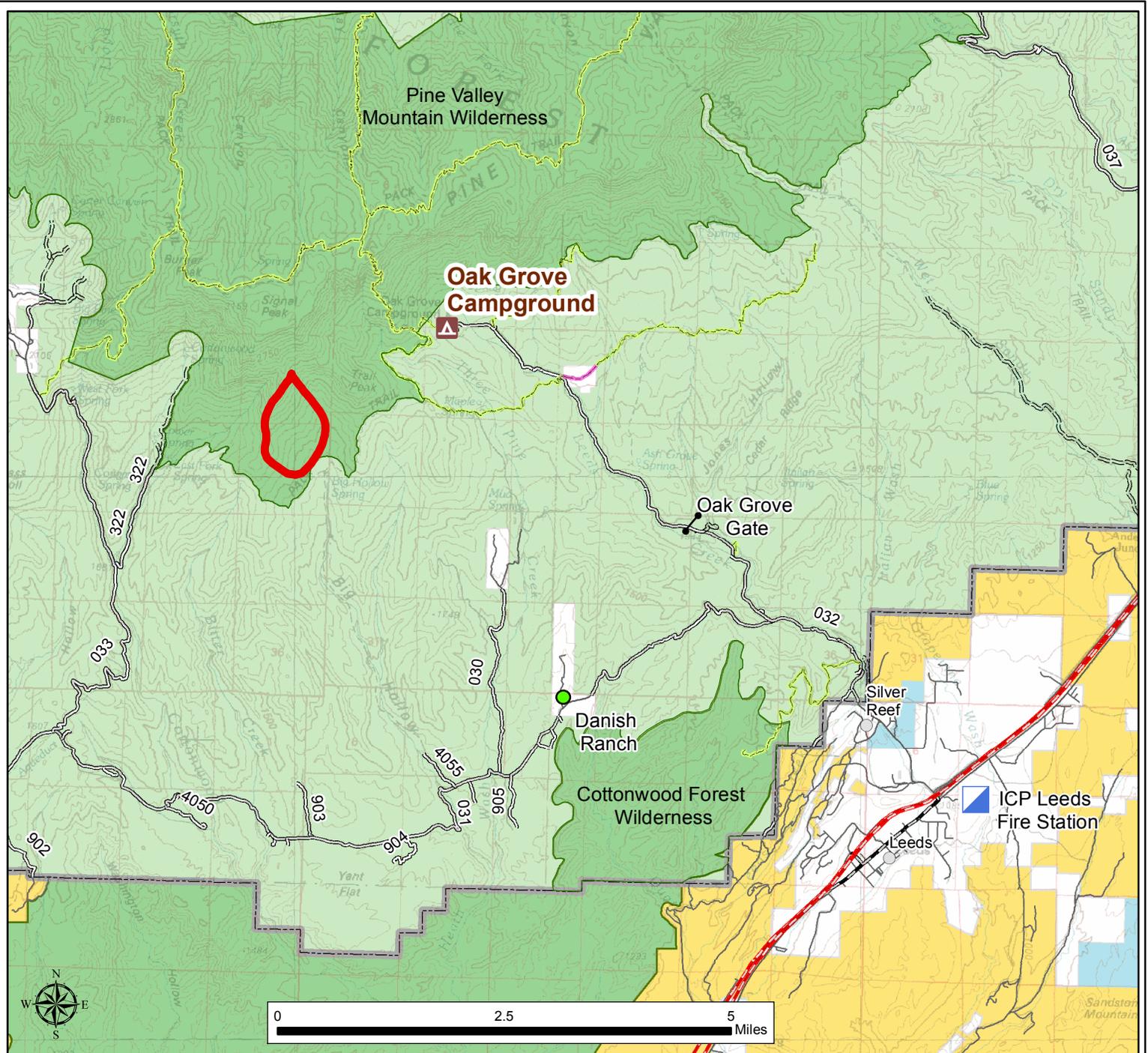
Evacuations: Oak Grove Campground was evacuated as a precaution on 9/8/15.

Injuries: 1 minor hand laceration

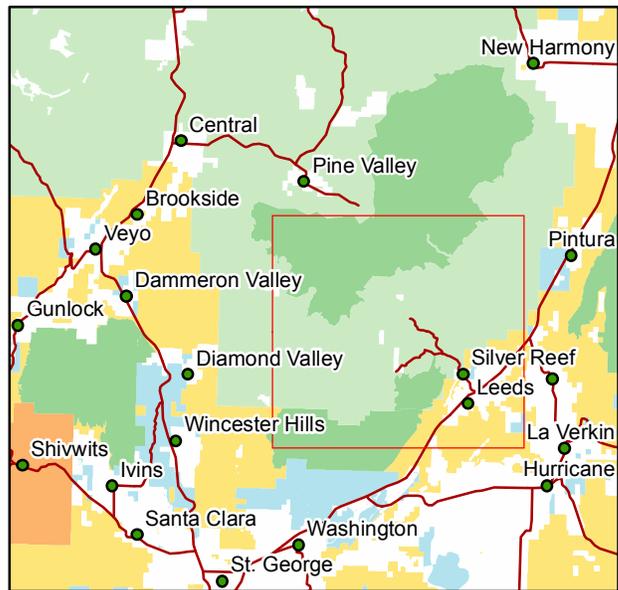
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For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.





**Dixie National Forest Pine Valley Ranger District
Oak Grove Fire**



Legend

Fire Perimeter 09/09/2015 11:00am 321 Acres	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Interstate
Forest Boundary	National Park Service	Highway
National Forest	Private	Open Roads
Bureau of Land Management	State	Admin. Roads
Wilderness	Wilderness	Trail Non-Motorized
		Non-Forest Road
		Non-Forest/Private Trails

