



For Immediate Release: June 23, 2012
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Quail Fire burns near Leeds

Summary: On June 23 high temperatures, low humidity, strong and erratic winds, explosively dry fuels, and medium-range spotting propelled this human caused fire north and east around the community of Leeds. Aircraft and engines are supporting fire crews with suppression efforts on the Quail Fire. The fire is currently being managed by a Type III Incident Commander under Unified command with State of Utah, Hurricane Valley Fire District and the Bureau of Land Management.

Start Date: June 23, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: South of Leeds north of the Harrisburg area, on the east side of I-15.

Jurisdiction: BLM and private lands

Cause: The Quail Fire was a human ignited fire caused by debris burning. **The public is reminded that statewide fire restrictions remain in effect on all state, federal and unincorporated private lands.**

Size: Approximately 1200 acres as of 8:00 p.m.

Percent Contained: 10 %

Fuels: The fire is burning in cheatgrass and brush.

Firefighting Resources: Nine engines, three aircraft, two hand crews, and two helitack crews numerous city engines.

Closures: No Closures in effect. **For public and firefighter safety, the public is requested not to stop along I-15 to watch the fire.**

Evacuations: None

Resources Threatened: Two outbuildings have been burned and structures in Leeds and in the Babylon area are threatened along with Desert Tortoise habitat.

For More Information: For more information on the Quail Fire, call Nick Howell at (435) 590-4821 or the Color Country Fire Information Hotline at (866) 447-1283. For more information on fires in Utah and current fire restriction in effect, visit www.utahfireinfo.gov. For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org.

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