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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Saddle Fire

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Contact information: Call 435-253-0127. Follow the Dixie National Forest on Facebook, twitter, and utahfireinfo.gov

Start Date: June 13, 2016

Location: approximately 2.5 miles southwest from the town of Pine Valley in the Pine Valley Wilderness of the Dixie National Forest

Incident Management: Chris Henrie Incident Commander Type 3 Color Country Interagency Fire Type 3 incident management team,

Jurisdiction: Dixie National Forest, Pine Valley Ranger District

Fire Size: 209 acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field)

Cause: Lightning.

Closures: Roads – None; Trails - Goat Spring Trail

Structures: None threatened

Percent Contained: 0 percent

Fuels/terrain: Heavy dead and downed timber, brush, surrounded by steep very rocky terrain

Fire Crews/Resources: Two Type I Interagency Hotshot Crews (for more information visit http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/handcrews/about_handcrews.html), three Type II initial attack crews, one Type III incident management team (https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/imt/imt_overview.html), three engines, one Type III (carries up to 100 gallons), one Type I (based in Cedar City, Utah) (carries up to 700 gallons)…175 firefighters assigned (includes all staff and crews)

Evacuations: No evacuations are currently in effect.

Injuries: No injuries have been reported.

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Pine Valley Fire District- Saddle Fire

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PINE VALLEY, Utah – Color Country Fire officials estimate the Saddle Fire in the Dixie National Forest remained at 209 acres, with flames and smoke visible Saturday afternoon as it burned in bowls along the steep and rocky mountain side.

"We understand the concern from the residents of Central, Utah, and Pine Valley, because there is a lot of smoke and the fire is visible, particularly at night," said Chris Henrie, the Saddle Fire incident commander. "Firefighters are improving the fire breaks around Pine Valley and are preparing for the fire to get to an area that will allow us to attack it."

Rocky areas and steep slopes prevent the firefighters from safely attacking the fire. A coordinated ground and air effort, weather permitting, will occur when the fire enters an area that has fewer hazards.

"One of our objectives is to protect infrastructure in communities, campgrounds, private lands, water systems and municipal watersheds," Henrie said. "We actually have two major safety goals, one to protect the lives of our firefighters and the other to protect the public, their homes and the community."

Henrie, members of his Color Country Incident Management Team and other local agencies met with members of the Pine Valley community Saturday evening to discuss those objectives. The community meeting is among the steps taken to provide timey ad accurate information to everyone in the affected area.

The Saddle Fire started on June 13, 2016, by lightning on Saddle Mountain in the Pine Valley Wilderness of the Dixie National Forest. The fire is approximately 2.5 miles south west of Pine Valley, Utah and is not contained. Currently the Goat Spring Trail is closed and no other recreational areas are affected.

The objectives of the incident are to ensure firefighter and public safety through the use of sound risk management and hazard mitigation, and protect infrastructure in communities, campgrounds, private lands, water systems, and municipal watersheds.

A fire information center has been established at the fire station in Central. For further information please follow the Dixie National Forest on Facbook, Twitter, and utahfireinfo.gov.

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