

# News *fire information*

Bureau of Land Management AZ  
Dixie National Forest  
Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Bureau of Land Management UT  
National Park Service  
Bureau of Indian Affairs



For Immediate Release

June 19, 2016

**Contact:** Saddle Fire Information, Wende Wilding, 435-253-0127, Ph/text: 435-994-9353, cvenhuizen@blm.gov

## **Pine Valley Fire District- Saddle Fire**

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

PINE VALLEY, Utah – On June 13, 2016, lightning started a fire 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. As of 7 p.m. today, the fire remains at 318 acres and is zero percent contained.

There have been two incidents of the public using drones on the Saddle Fire. Both incidents halted aircraft operations. There is a FIVE MILE temporary flight restriction currently over the Saddle Fire making it ILLEGAL to fly a drone in the area.

Everyone is reminded to NEVER fly drones over a wildfire.

Per the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 9212.1(f), it is illegal to resist or interfere with the efforts of firefighter(s) to extinguish a fire. The Utah Legislature passed HB126 which became law last month. The law makes it a misdemeanor to fly drones (unmanned aerial vehicles) in a prohibited area, and it is a FELONY if a drone collides with firefighting equipment.

Hand crews are continuing to work to improve the Pine Valley fuel break as well as prepping roads and trails. Engines are performing structure assessments for houses located in Pine Valley and assisting home owners in creating defensible space and identifying areas that are vulnerable to fire.

Air tankers dropped 16,875 gallons of fire retardant on the fire to slow spread to the northwest.

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 Facebook, Twitter, and [utahfireinfo.gov](http://utahfireinfo.gov).

For more information on fires in Utah visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).



###