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Shivwits Fire Wildfire Fact Sheet

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Start Date: August 13, 2012

Location: Washington County, West Mountain six miles northwest of Ivins Utah

Jurisdiction: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah

Fire Size: estimated at 4000 acres

Cause: Lightning

Fire Behavior: wind and slope driven, running and spotting

Closures: none

Structures: one communication site

Percent Contained: 0%

Fuels: cheat grass, brush, pinyon and juniper trees

Fire Crews/Resources: 6 engines, 2 bulldozers, 2-20 person hand crews, 1 helicopter, 5 single engine air tanker, 2 heavy tanker, 1 lead plane, 1 air tactical supervisor provided by multiple cooperating agencies

Evacuations: none

Injuries: none

Summary: This fire is situated in steep, rocky terrain and is proving to be resistant to suppression efforts. This fire is being aggressively attacked from the air, which will allow for ground based assets to establish a safe anchor point to work from to contain this fire over the next couple of days. Firefighters from multiple agencies; Local, State and Federal are working together on this incident. Due to the number of fires all over the west, completion for firefighting resources is extreme and managers have to set priorities as to which fire will receive the resources available. The Shivwits Fire is currently the number one priority fire in SW Utah and NW Arizona.

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