



News Release

Dixie National Forest

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TODDLER WILDFIRE BURNING NEAR ESCALANTE, UTAH

CEDAR CITY, UTAH – The Toddler Wildfire started by lightning on August 22 in a remote area of the Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest and has burned approximately 25 acres; interagency fire crews are working along area roads to confine the burning to a small area of around 200 acres.

The fire is currently burning brush, needle litter, and small slash in the ponderosa pine understory. Fire crews are building hand line and burning off area roads to contain the fire to a small area.

Smoke from the wildfire is visible from Highway 12 in the Upper Valley area and along Forest Road 30519. Due to burning operations planned for the weekend area residents and visitors can expect to experience some smoke for the next several days. After the burning operations smoke from residual interior burning will likely be visible in the area for a few weeks. Typical smoke patterns from this area should mean that the smoke will go to the Northeast. There have been some erratic winds that have moved smoke to the South for short periods of time.

A variety of firefighting resources from Escalante, Cedar City, and Panguitch are assisting with the management of this fire.

There will be a follow-up news release when fire operations are complete or if anything changes with the wildfire.

For more information on fire in Utah, visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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