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Toquerville Falls Wildfire Fact Sheet

Note: For information on a different incident, please call (435) 559-3154

Start Date: Reported Wednesday, August 31, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Location: East side of Black Ridge, east of Interstate 15 and north of Toquerville, Utah

Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Fire Size: 207 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field)

Cause: Lightning

Fire Behavior: Fire behavior was minimal today. Isolated torching and problematic fire behavior was observed

Closures: Kolob Canyons hiking trails surrounding the fire, located in Zion National Park (LaVerkin Creek, Hop Valley, and Timber Creek Overlook trails are closed until further notice).

Structures: No structures are threatened

Percent Contained: 30%

Fuels: Grass, mixed brush, pinyon and juniper trees

Fire Crews/Resources: 3 Helicopters, 3 Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATS), 1 Fixed Wing Air Attack Platform, 1 Hotshot Crew, 1 Type II Initial Attack Crew, 1 Helitack Crew

Evacuations: No evacuations are in affect

Injuries: 1 firefighter was transported for emergency care after experiencing an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

Summary: Handcrews are working to secure the fire perimeter using aircraft, chainsaws, and hand tools. The fire is located in a wilderness area where rugged terrain presents specific hazards to firefighter safety. Crews working on the fireline are using Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST), “a light hand on the land” due to the fire’s wilderness characteristics. The fire is estimated to be contained by 8:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) if operations work as planned.

For More Information: *For more information on fire activity in southwestern Utah, the public can call the Color
County Fire **Information Hotline** at 1-866-447-1283. For more information on fires in Utah visit
www.utahfireinfo.gov. For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org.*