



Dixie National Forest Escalante Ranger District
Grace Wildfire
August 16, 2013



Current Situation:
 Size: 249 Acres (08/14/2013 1700)
 Fuels: Ponderosa Pine, Mountain Brush
 Fire Behavior: Surface fire with single tree torching

Location:
 The Fire is 2 miles South Southeast of Hells Backbone Bridge and 4 miles northwest of Salt Gulch, Utah on the Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest.

Basic Information:
 Incident Type: Wildfire. Contain/Confine
 Cause: Lightning
 Date of Origin: Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Expected Fire Duration: 30+ Days

Incident Overview:

On July 16th, 2013 lightning ignited the Grace Fire in the Sand Creek Research Natural Area(RNA) on the Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest. The fire is currently burning in the RNA and the Box-Death Hollow Wilderness, where natural disturbances are desired to the extent that fire fighter and public safety are not compromised.

The Grace Fire is being managed as a contain/confine fire. A planning area has been established and actions have been assigned to keep the fire within the planning area.

Current actions include:

- Monitoring and assessing fire progression and activity daily

Primary Objectives for the Grace Fire:

- Provide for Fire Fighter and Public Safety.
- Manage Fire consistent with RNA and Wilderness values
- Return fire to a fire dependent ecosystem.

•Maintain or create diversity of structural stages, age classes, and species composition.

Smoke may be visible based on fire behavior, weather conditions and your proximity to the fire. Day time smoke is anticipated to rise and disperse from the area. Night time smoke may pool in drainages down slope of the fire area. Smoke will be more noticeable on nights and early mornings following those days with active fire spread.

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