

LAKE CREEK WILDFIRE
DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST
Updated June 6, 2012

Escalante, UTAH – The Lake Creek Fire was first reported during the late morning on June 4h. The fire is located in Garfield County approximately 10 miles northwest of Boulder, Utah and 15 miles north of Escalante, Utah in the vicinity of Lake Creek and the Hells Backbone Road (Forest Road 153). The fire is burning in primarily ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, and aspen at this time. High winds from a passing cold front and dry forest conditions have allowed the wildfire to grow to approximately 1,100 acres by the end of the day on June 5. The high winds thus far have prevented the use of helicopters and air tankers on the incident. The fire is approximately 30% contained at this point. Forest Roads 566 and 494 into McGath Lake have been temporary closed. No private land or structures are currently threatened by the fire. A preliminary investigation has determined the probably cause as being human.

Approximately 120 firefighters are now assigned to the fire. A Type II helicopter is expected to arrive this morning to assist with water drops on the fire. Another Type I helicopter has been requested and should arrive sometime this afternoon. Favorable wind conditions and cooler temperatures are expected to greatly assist the suppression efforts for the next several days. Local residents and visitors are asked to avoid the area for the time being to allow the fire crews to safely do their jobs.



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