

Shingle Fire Update
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Special Announcements:

A community meeting is planned for today, July 5th, at 6 pm at the Duck Creek Community Church to present an update on the fire situation.

General Information:

Overnight rains were observed at 0.01 to 0.02". Cloud cover will stay in place until late morning and the incident meteorologist has predicted afternoon high temperatures to possibly trigger lightning. Firefighters will take advantage of the moister weather conditions. The fire has not gained new acreage and is still at 8200 acres. Interior burning is continuing to put up considerable smoke.

The southwest flank had no movement. Firefighters patrolled and mopped-up hot spots near the line. Along the west flank, in the Swains Creek area, firefighters were successful in holding the line, patrolling and mopping-up.

At the north end of the fire, near Harris Flat, there was no fire progression. Firefighters continued to mop-up any detected smokes or hot spots. A large pumpkin (water holding tank) is being setup for helicopters to use for dipping water near this area of the fire. The close proximity to the fire allows helicopter to be more efficient and provide frequent water drops.

Along the northeast flank near Elk Ridge, slash piled from a fuels treatment project burned out producing larger volumes of smoke from that area. Fire crews have a handline and dozer line along this flank and will continue to strengthen and hold these lines. Numerous engines continue to patrol and mop up in this area, as well.

Along the east flank, Stout Creek Road was used as an anchor point to construct hand dug fireline north along the east flank.

Along the southeast flank, the fire is hung-up in the rocks above Stout Canyon. A check line is being built in anticipation of the fire working its way through the rocks and was being held largely with fixed wing and helicopter airtanker drops, with minimal growth along this steep country perimeter.

The south end of the fire still has open line, but crews are constructing direct firelines to the burn perimeter as conditions are cool enough to allow this tactic.

Retardant planes and helicopters will continue to be utilized throughout the entire fire in the afternoon to assist firefighters by cooling areas and assisting in fireline construction and mop-up to be completed safely.

Additional resources are continuing to arrive to assist in the suppression efforts.

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Evacuations:

Swains, Stout Canyon, Harris Flats, Ponderosa Village, and Elk Ridge subdivision evacuations remain in effect. Highway 89 remains open and Hwy 14 remains closed from the junction of Strawberry Road to the junction of Hwy 89. Additionally, Forest area closures and evacuations are in effect for Uinta Flat and Turkey Track areas north of Hwy 14. Road closures and evacuation requirements are assessed daily with the primary concern for public safety.

Location: Kane County
Date Started: 07/01/12
Cause: Human
Size: 8,200 acres
Containment: 10%
Injuries: 1
Total Personnel: 559
Resources: Crews: 15, Helicopters: 2-light, 2-medium, 4-heavy lift; Engines: 33, Dozers: 4, Water tenders: 7 and Overhead: 101

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