



Fishlake National Forest

News

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Box Creek Fire Information - June 5, 2012

Start: 6/4/2012

Location: Approximately 9 miles north east of Marysvale, Utah

Cause: Human

Size: Estimated at 250 acres

Fuels: Mixed conifer with aspen

Observed Fire Behavior: torching, spotting

Containment: 0% - No estimate date for containment

Evacuations: Summer homes and cabins at Monroe Meadows

Closures: To provide for public and firefighter safety an area closure for the fire has been implemented. All trails and roads within the area from the junction of the Forest Roads 2421 and 068 south along Road 068 to the South Fork of Box Creek at the intersection of Road 070/the Paiute ATV Trail, northwest to Dry Creek Ranger Station through Big Flat and then north along the Paiute ATV Trail/Road 083 to Manning Meadows, then north along Road 078 to Road 084 (Monroe Meadows), then east along Road 084 to Road 1163, then north along Road 1163 to Road 081, then east along Road 2421 to the intersection of Road 068 near the Koosharem Guard Station. Additional road closure points are Monroe Mountain Road at Hunt's Lake; Greenwich Road at Indian Flat; Koosharem Road at Milos Kitchen; and Cove Road at Christensen Springs.

Remarks: The Box Creek Fire was ignited when high winds fanned embers in a previously burned prescribed fire sending embers into unburned fuels. The fire spread was aided by sustained high winds during the afternoons of June 4 and 5. The fire is being managed under a full suppression strategy. Objectives for the fire include providing for the safety of the public and firefighters, and to minimize impacts to private property. Jay Beckstrand's Type 3 Fire Management Team assumed command of the fire at 6 p.m. this afternoon. Additional resources have been ordered.

A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sevier County Administration Building, Room B46; 200 N. Main, Richfield, Utah.

For information on this and other wildland fires in Utah visit utahfireinfo.gov, for information on fires burning in other areas, go to inciweb.org.

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