

For Immediate Release: July 16, 2016 **Contact:** Jill Ivie, Fire Information Officer, 435-979-3395

Wildfire Fact Sheet – Cove Fire

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Use hashtag #CoveFire

Start Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Location: Old Woman Plateau – near the Cove, in Water Canyon, in Sevier County - 23 miles east of Salina and 11 miles southwest of Emery, UT.

Elevation: 8,600 feet

Legal Location: Township 22 South, Range 5 East, in Sections 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33

Jurisdiction: Richfield Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest

Fire Size: Estimated 813 acres (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field)

Cause: Lighting

Fire Behavior: The fire is mainly burning on top of a mesa with some fire backing down drainages to the west. The fire is active on all sides, with low rates of spread, moving through grass and brush and occasional torching in trees.

Closures: None

Structures: No structures threatened. SUFCO mine is approximately 4 miles northwest of the fire.

Percent Contained: 0%

Fuels: Ponderosa Pine, Subalpine Fir with an understory of timber litter, grass, and shrubs.

Fire Crews/Resources: Local resources from Richfield and the surrounding areas are on-site scouting and looking at different opportunities to keep the fire within planning area. A Type 3 helicopter with crew has been ordered for the incident.

Summary: Recent growth of the Cove fire occurred to the south in a large bowl as well as some movement to the west (currently no problems associated with this movement to the west). No additional growth is occurring on the BLM at this time. Fire resources continue to scout the fire, and take action where it makes sense to do so safely. The Cove fire remains visible and can be seen from nearby areas. Two “reader board” information signs have been set up along I-70, to inform traveling public of the fire.

A red flag warning has been issued over the next few days for high winds and low relative humidity’s. Please keep all your outdoor activities safe and remember, One Less Spark-One Less Wildfire!

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