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FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

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Lightning Sparks Fires Across the Fishlake

RICHFIELD, UT- Thunderstorms that passed through central Utah over the past week were responsible for starting 15 fires, 10 of those on the Fishlake National Forest. Most of the fires were a tenth of an acre or less, with one called the Twitchell Canyon Fire being approximately 40 acres.

The Twitchell Canyon Fire is burning in mixed conifer, in steep, rocky terrain. The fire is located approximately 13.5 miles northeast of Beaver, Utah, and north of the Indian Creek Road near Manderfield Reservoir. The fire is being managed for multiple objectives including providing benefits to forest resources by reducing hazardous fuels and allowing fire to take its natural role in the ecosystem. Fire personnel are continuing to observe and evaluate fire conditions including rate and direction of spread, fuels, and weather.

To provide for public safety, the Indian Creek Road is closed to Manderfield Reservoir until further notice.

The Jensen Spring Fire, burning approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Monroe, Utah is also being managed for multiple objectives including returning fire to its natural role. Fire behavior has been reported as smoldering in sparse pinyon juniper.

As with all wildland fires safety of the public and firefighters is the top priority.

To report a wildland fire, call the Richfield Interagency Dispatch Center, (435) 896-8404.

For information on other fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov .