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Saturday, October 2, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Incident Command Post is located at the Elsinore City Park at Elsinore, UT

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| Start date: 7/20/10 11:20 | Cause: Lightning | Estimated Size: 44,446 acres | % Contained: 65 | # Of Firefighters: 579 |
| Injuries to date 31 | Estimated Containment: TBD | Closures: Campgrounds, roads and trails closures around the fire area are implemented | # of 20-person hand crews: 12 | # Of helicopters: 4 - Heavy-lift 1- Medium-lift 2 - Light-lift Total Helicopters: 7 |

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

Elsinore, UT – Operations continue in Division D, the south end of the fire nearest to North Creek subdivisions. Six hotshot crews, assisted with air support are working to build direct handline against the fire’s edge. Containment lines on this division are expected to be finished in the next two days if weather conditions remain favorable. A structure protection group has been established in the North Creek area as a contingency force.

Cooler temperatures, slightly higher relative humidity and lower winds are aiding efforts to contain the fire. There is a chance of wetting rains of 0.10” Sunday night or Monday morning. Thunderstorm activity could bring gusty winds.

The Whalen Type 2 Incident Management Team will be transitioning to Gage’s National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) and are expected to take command of the fire at 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning. The Incident Command Post (ICP) will move and be established in Beaver City to be closer to ongoing operations. The helibase operations will run from Beaver Airport and airtanker support will continue from Cedar City.

Temporary road closures are still in effect to provide for public and firefighter safety as follows:

- Forest Road 119 Indian Creek Road at the west Forest boundary
- North Wildcat Creek Road (Forest Road 435) at the intersection with the Frontage Road
- Mud Spring Road also known as Brush Hollow Road (Forest Road 597) at the intersection with the Frontage Road
- The Frontage Road east of Interstate 15 at the Sulphurdale Exit
- The Frontage Road south of Interstate 70 at the Cove Fort Exit
- Shingle Creek Road (Forest Road 114) south of intersection with Highway 4/Clear Creek Road
- Forest Road 1026 and Forest Road 1027 south of Interstate 70 at Ranch Exit 7
- Forest Road 113 south of Interstate 70 at Fremont Indian State Park Exit 17
- Forest Road 113 at Upper Kimberly junction with Max Reid ATV Trail
- North Fork of North Creek (Forest Road 591) north of intersection with Forest Road 589 (Tanner Hollow)

Castle Rock Campground is now open.

For more information, maps, and pictures on this and other fires, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or www.inciweb.org.