



Monday, October 5th, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.
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Start date: 7/20/10 11:20	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 45,216 acres	% Contained: 76	# Of Firefighters: 333
Injuries to date 31	Estimated Containment: TBD	Closures: Campgrounds, roads and trails closures around the fire area are implemented	# of 20-person hand crews: 7	# Of helicopters: 3 - Heavy-lift 1- Medium-lift 2 - Light-lift Total Helicopters: 6

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

Beaver, Utah, Oct. 5, 2010 – Rain fell on the Twitchell Canyon fire yesterday afternoon. The fire is now 76 percent contained and has burned an estimated 45,216 acres in the Fishlake National Forest, northeast of Beaver. As a result, the fire mainly smoldered and crept under trees. While the rain was good news for the effort to contain the blaze, it also created wet, slippery conditions that made footing dangerous for firefighters and created unsafe driving conditions on muddy roads. By late afternoon yesterday, fire crews were pulled off the line when working conditions became unsafe.

Firefighters will concentrate their efforts on repairing damage caused by firefighting operations today, weather conditions permitting. On the northwest corner of the fire, firefighters will use two chippers to work on a containment line to provide more protection for homes west of the fire and outside the forest. Chippers are heavy machinery that grind vegetation into mulch. The mulch is less likely to burn, helps promote plant growth, and stabilizes soil until plants sprout.

Firefighting operations will begin to wind down in the near term, with resources and crews being released as necessary.

The weather forecast calls for continued rain through much of this week in the area burned by the Twitchell Canyon fire.

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
- The Frontage Road east of Interstate 15 at the Sulfurdale Exit
- The Frontage Road south of Interstate 70 at the Cove Fort Exit
- Shingle Creek Road (Forest Road 114) south of intersection with Forest Road 583
- Forest Road 1026 and Forest Road 1027 south of Interstate 70 at Ranch Exit 7
- North Fork of North Creek (Forest Road 591) north of intersection with Forest Road 589 (Tanner Hollow)

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