

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

For August 7, 2010

Start Date: July 20, 2010

Location: 13.5 miles northeast of Beaver, Utah – near Manderfield Reservoir

Jurisdiction: National Forest System lands

Cause: Lightning

Fire Size: 1042 acres GPSed August 6

Fuel Type: The fire is burning in ponderosa pine, spruce, fir, aspen, pinyon, and juniper. A mix of live and dead down and standing trees and brush are fueling the fire.

Structures Threatened: none

Closures: Due to fire activity along the Indian Creek Road it is closed above the Pole Canyon road junction until further notice. Both public and firefighter safety is top priority.

Resources Assigned: 1 (10 person) fire module and 4 overhead.

Observed Fire Behavior: The Twitchell Canyon Fire in the Indian Creek drainage is active in the Mill Hollow drainage as well as around Manderfield Reservoir. Even with the rains over the last several weeks this fire is well established in dense vegetation and is likely to burn throughout the summer-fall. As the weather becomes hotter and drier, fire activity will increase and smoke will continue to be visible in the area.

Comments: Fire is a natural process that has been interfered with for the last century. The forest managers desire to restore fire to its natural role in areas where it is not threatening life or personal property. Some of the benefits of fire are: restoration of aspen; diversifies vegetation; improves wildlife habitat; and reduce fire intensity in the future.

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