

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

For August 23, 2010

Start Date: July 20, 2010

Location: 7 miles east of Manderfield, Utah

Jurisdiction: Fishlake National Forest

Cause: Lightning

Fire Size: 4,482 acres

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

Evacuations: None

Closures: Indian Creek Road from the junction of the Pole Canyon Road to Manderfield Reservoir. Heat is still present throughout Mill Hollow, even close to the Indian Creek Road.

Resources Assigned: 1 (10 person) fire module, 1 (3 person) engine, and 4 overhead

Planned Actions: Monitor fire activity and collect fuels/weather data

Observed Fire Behavior: Smoldering (Infrared heat sources have been recorded in the Picnic Creek drainage, the head of Fish Creek, east of Manderfield Reservoir, and Mill Hollow)

Comments: Road closures have been lifted except the Indian Creek road above Pole Canyon. If hunters are in the surrounding canyons be aware of your surroundings and fire activity.

The rain and fire management efforts have greatly reduced the fire activity throughout the majority of the fire. A number of locations along the fire perimeter have potential to heat up, increasing fire activity and fire size. This lightning-caused fire is likely to burn more in the coming weeks.

More information on this and other wildland fires burning in Utah can be found online at www.utahfireinfo.gov and inciweb.org.

Note: Future updates will be issued when significant changes occur.

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