



Ourada's Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team

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Twitchell Canyon Fire Update September 12, 2010

The Twitchell Canyon Fire is now 10,925 acres and 10 percent contained. Today is forecast to be slightly warmer than yesterday with humidities in the low teens. Winds should remain fairly calm through the day. Yesterday afternoon, the most active portion of the fire was the southeastern corner, where the fire made short uphill runs in Indian Creek.

Resources on the fire include six Hot Shot crews, one Initial Attack handcrew, five helicopters, and three fire engines.

Some of the work now taking place on the fire includes actions to help rehab the affected areas. A team of local U.S. Forest Service employees who specialize in post-fire rehab work, called a Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team, is beginning to work alongside the fire management team to assess the fire area and determine what steps need to be taken to rehab the fire area. Rehab work will be focused in severely burned areas with an emphasis on stabilizing soils; controlling water, sediment and debris movement, preventing impairment of ecosystems; and mitigating significant threats to health, safety, life, property, and downstream values at risk. Specific tasks would include installing water or erosion control devices, seeding and planting native species, removing critical hazards (such as hazard trees), and even installing warning signs.

The following road closures remain in effect to provide for public and firefighter safety:

- Forest Road 119 Indian Creek Road at Pole Creek Junction (Forest Road 589).
- Forest Road 114 Shingle Creek Road intersection with the Paiute Trail Mud Flat Road (Forest Road 583).
- Forest Road 113 Mill Creek Road (Kimberly) from Mud Springs (junction of Forest Road 116 Sevier Canyon Road) to Kimberly Junction, where it meets the Max Reid Trail.

Morning inversions are likely in the coming days, particularly in canyons. Communities in the Sevier Valley should expect to see smoke in the afternoons.

For more information, maps, and pictures on this and other fires, please visit www.utahfireinfo.com or www.incweb.com.

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