



Wednesday, September 22 2010 - 8:00 a.m.

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Start date: 7/20/10 11:20	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 33,687 acres	% Contained:	# of Firefighters: 571
Injuries to date 11 minor	Estimated Containment: N/A	Closures: Campgrounds, roads and trails closures around the fire area are implemented	# of 20-person hand crews: 14	# Of helicopters: 4 - Heavy-lift 0- Medium-lift 1 - Light-lift Total Helicopters: 5

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

Elsinore, UT – The lightning caused Twitchell Canyon Fire continued to exhibit extreme fire behavior through the night Tuesday consisting of short uphill runs, group tree torching and more spotting. Firefighters were again successful in holding the fire south of I-70 as windy red flag conditions with gusts up to 45 mph drove the fire to make short runs toward I-70. The Twitchell Canyon Fire area grew an additional 616 acres as of last night and is now at 33,687 acres with most growth occurring on the north and west side and minimal growth on the south end of the fire. Air tankers dropped fire retardant to assist firefighters in holding the fire on south end.

I-70 remains open as of Monday morning at 10 a.m. to east and westbound traffic; however, the potential for additional closures remains as reassessments of fire activity is ongoing.

A Red Flag Warning is in place again today, for the sixth consecutive day with a possible chance of thunderstorms.

Fire Managers continue to focus on protecting private property, public and firefighter safety.

Fifteen handcrews, six helicopters, two dozers, and 31 fire engines are assigned to the fire, bringing the total number of personnel to 571.

Castle Rock Campground remains under evacuation. The following roads remain closed 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) at Mud Springs (junction of Forest Road 116 Sevier Canyon Road).
- Forest Road 591 North Fork North Creek at the intersection with Tanner Hollow Road (Forest Road 654).
- Forest Road 589 Drag Hollow Road where it intersects with Hell Canyon Road (Forest Road 520).
- Forest Road 123 at the Poison Creek gate (just north of Big John’s Flat).
- Forest Road 113 Beaver Creek Road at the Forest Boundary west of Marysvale.
- Forest Road 475 Max Reid/Dry Creek Road at the Fremont Indian State Park.
- Forest Road 476 Dry Wash from Old Hwy 4 – Clear Creek Road.
- Forest Road 474 Deer Creek Road from the eastern boundary at the Hwy 89 rest area.

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