



Fishlake National Forest

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Interagency
Incident
Management Team

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- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

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Start date: 7/20/10 11:20	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 39,883 acres	% Contained: 25	# Of Firefighters: 520
Injuries to date 27	Estimated Containment: TBD	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 Twitchell Canyon fire was active on multiple fronts again yesterday. Active fire was backing down the mountain slope about five miles east of Sulphurdale, toward Interstate 15. A large smoke column was visible from many points in the area, as concentrated fuels burned. The fire continues to accomplish management objectives that include cleaning up brush, deadfall and litter on the forest floor. As it burns in a mosaic pattern throughout the fire area, overgrown vegetation is consumed allowing areas for new grass, browse and aspen regeneration. This will all lead to improved wildlife habitat and will help prevent catastrophic wildfire in the near future.

Beginning today, firefighters will use aerial and ground ignition to burn out vegetation from established indirect control lines back to the fire front in order to speed up the containment process in the northwest corner to keep the fire from crossing Interstate 15 and Interstate 70. Most of the resources are on the northwest flank of the fire to support operations. Protection of private property and infrastructure remain the focus with emphasis on firefighter and public safety.

The south flank of the fire continues to slowly back down the slope in Pole Creek. Two Hot Shot crews and two engines are in that area and are staying in a spike camp near the fire area to monitor and contain the fire. Fire managers continue to address concerns of homeowners in the North Creek area.

Roads and trails on the east side of the fire that aren't listed below have been reopened.

The following roads are closed to provide for public and firefighter safety:

- 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
- Mud Spring Road also known as Brush Hollow Road (Forest Road 597) at the intersection with the Frontage Road
- The Frontage Road east of Interstate 15 at the Sulphurdale Exit
- The Frontage Road south of Interstate 70 at the Cove Fort Exit
- Shingle Creek Road (Forest Road 114) south of intersection with Highway 4/Clear Creek Road
- Forest Road 1026 and Forest Road 1027 south of Interstate 70 at Ranch Exit 7
- Forest Road 113 south of Interstate 70 at Fremont Indian State Park Exit 17
- Forest Road 113 at Upper Kimberly junction with Max Reid ATV Trail
- North Fork of North Creek (Forest Road 591) north of intersection with Forest Road 589 (Tanner Hollow)

Castle Rock Campground remains under evacuation

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