

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 - 9:00 p.m.

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Incident Command Post is located at the Elsinore City Park at Elsinore, UT

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Start date: 7/20/10 11:20	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 42,427 acres	% Contained: 28	# Of Firefighters: 433
Injuries to date 29	Estimated Containment: TBD	Closures: Campgrounds, roads and trails closures around the fire area are implemented	# of 20-person hand crews: 9	# Of helicopters: 4 - Heavy-lift 0 - Medium-lift 1 - Light-lift Total Helicopters: 5

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

Elsinore, UT – Operations in the northwest corner of the portion of the fire were very successful, with mop-up continuing after the burnouts that were conducted the night before. Interior fires will still be seen from Interstates 15 and 70, but the firelines that have been constructed are holding. Hotshot crews were moving into the southwest corner of the fire to begin line construction. Approximately ten fresh handcrews are expected on the firelines tomorrow, to begin direct attack.

Incident Meteorologist Bob Survick, briefed the incident team this evening and predicted light winds coming from the east, and turning south later in the day tomorrow, which should aid firefighters efforts, and push the fire towards the north. Winds overall should be lower, at 5-10 mph, however gusts could occur up to 17 mph. It was noted that fire intensities moderated under heavy smoke conditions that persisted from yesterday.

The incident team is adding a structure protection group with Utah State Land and Forestry to strengthen the engine strike teams being staged in the North Creek area. Public information officers were in North Creek neighborhood talking with area residents about the fire, with operations officials feeling homes in the area were still secure.

Temporary road closures are still in effect to provide for public and firefighter safety as follows:

- 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