



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: 42,427 acres	% Contained: 28	Total Personnel on Incident: 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: 14	Other committed resources 5-Helicopters 10-Engines

Twitchell Canyon Fire Update

Elsinore, UT – Firefighters made good progress on the southern flank of the Twitchell Canyon Fire yesterday. A dozer line was inserted from existing fireline toward Baldwin Ridge. Several Type I Hot Shot crews are working direct on the fireline to halt fire spread toward occupied areas along North Creek. Heavy-lift helicopters worked most of the day dropping upwards of 2,000 gallons of water per drop, cooling the fire front so firefighters can work. Heavy air tankers dropped retardant on Baldwin Ridge to halt fire spread.

There have been 29 reportable injuries since the start of the fire. Approximately one-third of them were minor bodily injuries, and the rest were illness, generally respiratory issues. No serious injuries resulting in lost time have occurred.

Today, additional resources are being added to the south end, including a structure protection group in the North Creek area. Residents will see increased fire traffic in the North Creek area for the next few days as suppression activity progresses. The burnout on the northwest corner near Cove Fort was successful and crews have been mopping up that area since yesterday. Containment lines on the west side of the fire are progressing from south to north as more resources arrive.

Due to the proximity of the Twitchell Canyon Fire, *forest roads in the area have been temporarily closed* to provide for firefighter and public safety as fire suppression operations continue.

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.