



Ourada's Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team

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Twitchell Canyon Fire Update September 9, 2010

The Twitchell Canyon Fire has grown to 10,839 acres. Strong winds hampered aerial operations yesterday; however, they did not cause a significant increase in acreage. Gusty winds will continue today as a cold front passes to the north, bringing slightly cooler air and a small chance of showers. A warming trend is predicted to begin tomorrow.

Seven Hot Shot crews, a Type 2 Initial Attack crew, five helicopters, and three fire engines are still assigned to the fire. Personnel are focusing on holding existing firelines and also assessing future handline needs. Incident Commander Chris Ourada feels crews are making excellent progress in meeting the objectives set by the Fishlake National Forest, including protecting structures and managing portions of the fire for the benefit of the land and resources.

Road closures within the Piute Trail System remain in effect to provide for public and firefighter safety:

- Forest Road 123 at the Poison Creek gate (just north of Big John's Flat).
- 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 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.

The recent winds have diminished the amount of visible smoke, but communities in the Sevier Valley may still be impacted by smoke as firefighters continue to work on the fire and there is a possibility for morning inversions.

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