

# Manti-La Sal National Forest Moab-Monticello Ranger District

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### Crews Continue to Work on Sallys Hollow Fire

Lightning started a wildfire in the Sallys Hollow area on the east side of the La Sal Mountains, Thursday, August 4 which has burned 235 acres to date. The fire, which is about five miles north of Buckeye Reservoir, is being managed by the Forest Service to improve ponderosa pine stands and reduce fuels.

Personnel on the ground are continuing to work within specified containment lines to further management objectives. Currently there are approximately 75 fire fighters assisting in the management of the fire.

“It is important to recognize that the fire is actively managed to meet multiple objectives,” explained Diem. “Recent rainfall of .25” near the fire area has slowed the fire’s progress, but crews continue to assure the fire stays within the containment lines.”

Smoke may still be visible from Gateway and Paradox, CO and the east side of the La Sals, depending on weather conditions and fire behavior. Fire activity and smoke are generally greatest during the afternoon, when temperatures are highest and humidity is lowest.

Although these fires are often a long duration event, it is not the intent of the Moab Ranger District to allow this fire to burn over a long duration and crews are working hard to complete the planned actions.

Canyon Country fire managers would like to remind everyone to be especially careful and fire conscious while recreating this summer.

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