

Manti-La Sal National Forest Supervisor's Office

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Fire Information: 435-636-3761

Fire Info Website: www.inciweb.org/incident/2953/

SEELEY FIRE UPDATE

Fire Facts

Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.	Number of personnel: 1 Type-2 hand crew, 12 Smoke Jumpers
Location: Huntington Canyon and Gentry Mountain, 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah	Equipment: 2 Type-3 engines, 1 Type-4 engine, 1 Type-6 engine
Cause: Dry Lightning	Aircraft: 2 Type-3 helicopters
Size: 20,300 acres (today's infrared flight)	
Percent contained: 0%	Estimated containment date: none
Injuries to date: none	Cost to date: not yet available
Property threatened: Historical USFS Guard Station and some outlying communities	

Fire Activity:

After the second day of the fire, Initial Attack Type-4 Incident Commander Dirk Rogers turned over the fire at 6:00 a.m. this morning to Shawn Jaca with the Color Country Type-3 Incident Command Team. Extreme fire behavior and long-range spotting occurred overnight, with the fire perimeter estimated to have grown 14,500 acres in one day. Extreme drought conditions, bark-beetle-killed trees, strong gusty and unpredictable winds are still driving the fire.

Significant Events:

Personnel worked for a second night, providing successful structure protection for the Historical USFS Guard Station. Crews secured utility lines and gas lines within the fire perimeter.

Closures/Evacuations/Advisories:

State Highway 31 from Fairview to Huntington, State Highway 96 from SR-6 to SR-284, Millers Flat Road from Scad Valley to SR-31. Also various Forest Roads within the fire area.

General Information:

A Type-2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. The Incident Command Post is located the Canyon View Junior High School in Huntington, Utah. The fire is currently burning on lands administered by the Manti-LaSal National Forest Ferron-Price Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management Price District, State of Utah, and some private lands.

This is fire season in the Great Basin. Please continue working on the defensible space around your homes. For information go to www.firewise.org and www.ready.gov. A Red Cross shelter has been

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opened at the LDS Stake Center in Wellington, Utah for food, shelter and mental health care needs of the evacuees. Contact 801-323-7000 for information on volunteering or for donations.