



## Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team

**For Immediate Release**  
**8:00 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2012**

**Fire Information Call Center: 435-687-3030**  
**Media Calls at EOC: 435-636-3761**  
**Evacuees please call Carbon County**  
**Evacuation Coordinator: 435-636-3746**  
**Website: [www.inciweb.org/incident/2953](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2953)**  
**Email: [eazfireteam@gmail.com](mailto:eazfireteam@gmail.com)**  
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### Seeley Fire Update

#### **Fire Facts**

<b>Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Number of personnel: 463 national resources</b>
<b>Location: 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah</b>	<b>Equipment: 20 engines</b>
<b>Cause: Dry Lightning</b>	<b>Aircraft: 8 helicopters</b>
<b>Size: 23,410 acres</b>	<b>Hand Crews: 8 (20-person each)</b>
<b>Percent contained: 10 %</b>	<b>Water Tenders: 11</b>
<b>Projected spread: north and northeast</b>	<b>Estimated containment date: none</b>
<b>Injuries to date: none</b>	<b>Cost to date: \$1,816,566</b>
<b>Complexity of Incident: John Philbin's Eastern Arizona Type-2 Interagency Incident Management Team</b>	
<b>Property threatened: Several evacuated communities, 250 residences, 15 commercial properties, 500 outbuildings, recreation facilities, guard stations, communication towers, utility lines, gas lines, coal mining facilities. Structure protection crews are in place. No structures have been lost on this fire.</b>	

**Sunday's Fire Activity:** Fire line was held at Seeley Ridge on the southwest perimeter. Fire continued to burn in a big bowl at the top of Mill Canyon and increased in activity when thunderheads contributed significant downdrafts and spotted into Flood Canyon. In the early afternoon the fire in this area began to merge with fire burning north along Nuck Woodward Canyon and gained strength as winds associated with the overhead thunderheads increased. Activity in this area eventually contributed to spot fires and merged with significant increased activity along Lone Pine Tree ridge. The late afternoon fire's largest column was located at Trough Springs Ridge. Firefighters held the line at a ridge northwest of Hiawatha and the fire did not get into Hiawatha. Firefighters were able to knock down the activity in Middle Fork Canyon and complete structure protection (including installing sprinklers in some areas) in Hiawatha, Clear Creek and Valentine. The town of Price was heavily impacted by the large smoke plume blown east over town. Night shift crews continued structure protection for the evacuated towns of Hiawatha and Clear Creek.

**Today:** Weather will continue to be hot, dry and windy, with a probability of dry thunderstorms. Shifting wind patterns will carry fire in all directions, burning a lot of dry, dead, down timber, which will create large smoke columns beginning in the early afternoon.

**Closures/Evacuations/Advisories:** Road closures include: SR-31 at Cleveland Reservoir and at Crandall Canyon. SR-284 at Electric Lake. SR-96 at SR-6. Fish Creek and Bear Ridge Roads at Scofield. No Forest Service Area Closure. Evacuation areas include: Electric Lake, Scofield, Clear Creek, Hiawatha and several youth camps. A major oil and gas field has been shut down, and several working coal mines have been shut down, causing a hardship to the entire community. Carbon County Sheriff's office is coordinating escorted visits into evacuation areas for immediate needs, please call 435-636-3746 for appointments.

**Community Fire Information Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. tonight at the Event Center Fairgrounds in Price.**