



Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release
8:00 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2012

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Seeley Fire Update

Fire Facts

Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.	Number of personnel: 593 national resources
Location: 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah	Equipment: 19 engines from all over the country
Cause: Dry Lightning	Aircraft: 2 T-1, 2 T-2 and 1 T-3 helicopters
Size: 48,397 acres from IR flight, (76 square miles)	Hand Crews: 13 (20-person each)
Percent contained: 60%	Dozers: 2
Projected Spread: North	Water Tenders: 10
Management Strategy: Full Suppression	Estimated containment date: 7/15/2012
Injuries to date: none	Cost to date: \$6,386,699
Weather Discussion: A ridge of high pressure will continue across the area through the middle of the week. The combination of surface heating and low level moisture will maintain the chance of thunderstorms again today. These slow moving storms still have the potential to produce isolated flash flooding and debris flows, along with brief gusty winds and lightning.	
Property threatened: 250 residences, 15 commercial properties, 500 outbuildings, recreation facilities, communication towers, utility lines, gas lines, coal mining facilities.	

Sunday's Fire Activity:

About 0.25 inches of rain fell over the fire again on Sunday. Fire activity remains low throughout the fire as a result of the moderated weather over the past several days. Crews continued to patrol and mop-up along the southwest, west, northeast, east and south perimeters of the fire. Crews completed the direct containment line on Candland Ridge and a portion of the lines in the Mud Creek area. The fire remains south of the community of Clear Creek. Heat remains in the top of Vicks Canyon presenting control challenges in combination with the heavy down and dead fuels locations. Due to the steep, rugged terrain in this area, the fire continues to be held in check with the assistance of a heavy helicopter. Rehabilitation of dozer and handlines was started in areas where the fire is contained.

Today:

Crews will continue working on direct containment lines in Cox Canyon, Mud Creek, and Magazine Canyon. Crews will also continue with mop-up and patrol around the entire fire perimeter. Crews will continue to look for control options in Vicks Canyon. Rehabilitation of dozer and handlines will also continue.

Closures/Evacuations/Advisories:

Road blocks on Miller's Flat Road were removed yesterday, allowing the public to now use the Miller's Flat route all of the way through, from Fairview on the northwest to Orangeville on the southeast. Travel east into the fire area off of this route continues to be prohibited. Scofield remains open but access is only on SR-96 from SR-6 on the north, to the south edge of town. A road block remains in place at the south end of Scofield to prevent motor traffic from continuing to Clear Creek on SR-96. SR-31 and SR-264 from Fairview are NOT open and you cannot get to Scofield by using these roads. Remaining evacuations are: Electric Lake and Clear Creek.