



Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive Price, UT 84501



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Start date:	Cause:	Estimated Size:	% Contained:	Firefighters
07/17/2010	Lighting	1640 Acres	0	35
Injuries to date:	Estimated Containment:	Engines:	Hand crew:	Helicopters:
1	NA	1	1	1

Coffee Pot Fire Update

The Coffee Pot Fire, east of Indianola, Utah, has been fairly active the last couple days. It has grown several hundred acres in the past week, and is expected to continue its current behavior for the next couple of days. According to the Fire Management Plan, the fire is being managed to achieve multiple objectives. This includes firefighter safety, forest health, and the opening of the forest canopy which will allow new growth as well as improve wildlife habitat. Steep terrain and lack of adequate safety zones for firefighters made firefighting dangerous. Removal by fire of dead trees will achieve a mosaic of vegetation which will lessen the severity of future.

According to Fire Managers on the Manti La Sal National Forest, this fire is still doing what we want to see and we still feel comfortable watching it closely. Work has been completed along Lake Fork Road in preparation of a possible future burnout. At this time, we feel comfortable watching it as it does us a big favor by cleaning up the fuels and improve wildlife habitat.”

Weather forecasts are predicted to have some isolated rain showers starting Sunday and continuing through mid to end of this week.

Smoke from the Coffee Pot Fire will be visible until the area receives significant moisture. New trail closure along with the existing road and trail closures will remain in effect for now.

The following roads are closed to provide for public and firefighter safety:

- Right Fork Lake Trail (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 326
- Coffee Pot (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 327)
- Sweat Creek Trail (Sweet Creek) (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 042
- Dipping Pen (Dipping Pin) Trail (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 330
- Smith Reservoir (Forest Service Road) (FSR) # 232
- Lake Fork Road (Forest Service Road) (FSR) # 070
- Birdseye Quarry Road (Forest Service Road) (FSR) # 126
- Ives Canyon (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 172/ Ives Canyon Road (FSR) #172
- Mud Springs (Forest Service Trail) (FST) # 328
- Dry Creek Trail (Forest Service Road) (FST) # 045& 329
- Dry Canyon Road (Forest Service Road) (FSR) # 214

The daily updates will not continue unless major fire activity occurs. For more information on this fire and other Utah fires visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or contact the Sanpete Ranger District at 435-283-4151.

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