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## Zion National Park Fire Management

# Subway Fire Update

September 3, 2010

**Start Date:** August 18

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** 750 acres

**Location:** On a plateau between Russell Gulch and Wildcat Canyon, approximately 5 miles south of Lava Point

**Management:** The Subway Fire is being managed for multiple objectives, including the return of fire to the Zion ecosystem. It is not posing any threats to park resources or surrounding private lands or structures.

Firefighters have been conducting burnout operations over the past few days to create a buffer zone on the north side of the fire along the Wildcat Canyon Trail to contain it to the plateau it is burning on. When these are completed, the fire will continue to burn in small areas on the plateau, but little new growth is expected. Smoke from the fire will be visible for the next number of days or even weeks depending on weather conditions.