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State Fire Update: August 10, 2013

Portage, Utah – The State Fire started by lightning Thursday evening, August 8, 2013, has burned approximately 11,000 acres (10,500 acres of private property in Pocatello Valley, Box Elder County and 500 acres of Bureau of Land Management property in North Canyon, Idaho). The fire is estimated to be 38% contained. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is managing the suppression efforts with a delegation of authority from the Idaho Falls District – Pocatello Field Office.

Yesterday, with red flag condition in place, the fire made a significant push to the north and east. The fire is now burning in steep rocky terrain of grass, brush and juniper stands east of Portage and north into North Canyon, Idaho. **Today**, crews continued to construct containment lines on the north and east side of the fire and patrol the west flank (Pocatello Valley). Air resources provided support to crews.

Resources assigned to the incident include 2 helicopters, 3 dozers, 7 tenders, 6 hand crews and 19 engines. Incident fire personnel total is 213.

Closures – State Line Road and Portage Canyon Road are closed for public safety and to allow access for fires suppression equipment. The fire is approximately 1 mile from private residents located east of Portage. At this time the threat to these residences is minimal.

For additional information visit the www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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