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**Main Canyon Fire Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/usfsdnf> and [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov)

## Main Canyon Fire Facts

**Fire Size/Containment:** 26 acres/30 percent contained.

**Cause:** Lightning strike on an undetermined date. Fire first reported Sept. 9, 2016.

**Location:** Approximately five miles north from the town of Pine Valley in the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness of the Dixie National Forest, Pine Valley Ranger District.

**Structures Threatened:** Private ranch and home approximately 0.5 miles from the southwest edge of the fire.

**Closures:** Water Canyon Trail No. 31024 and 31013; and Forest Service roads 2113, 2114, 3396, 565, 255, 252 and 011.

**Fire Information:** Pine Valley Post Office and Pine Valley Fire Station.

**Incident Management:** Chris Henrie, incident commander, Color Country Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team.

**Evacuations:** None.

**Estimated Costs to Date:** Approximately \$250,000.

**Fuels/terrain:** Heavy dead and downed timber and brush, in steep and rocky terrain.

**Fire Resources Assigned:** 3 Type I interagency hotshot crews; 2 Type II initial attack crews; 1 Type I helicopter; 1 Type III helicopter; 2 engines; 150 total personnel assigned.

**Injuries:** None.

**Get the latest fire updates on social media.**

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**Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire**

PINE VALLEY, Utah – The 26-acre Main Canyon Fire is 30 percent contained in the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness, in the Pine Valley Ranger District, Dixie National Forest.

More accurate mapping techniques using aircraft and GPS narrowed the estimated size of the fire from 57 acres to the smaller size.

Due to potential threat of the fire, the U.S. Forest Service issued a temporary closure of some trails and roads, starting Sept. 11 to ensure public safety.

Closed are the Water Canyon Trail No. 31024 and 31013; and Forest Service roads 2113, 2114, 3396, 565, 255, 252 and 011.

High winds are expected in the area Sunday and Monday, with red flag warnings (fire weather warning) in the zones surrounding the fire.

Fire crews are building and improving hand lines around the fire's perimeter. Fire helicopters and three engines are assisting in areas accessible to vehicles.

Fire investigators determined lightning started the fire, likely striking days before, which ignited fuel in the vegetation beneath the main canopy of a forest. The fire eventually grew to where it could be seen and reported. The fire was initially reported Sept. 9.

The steep and rocky terrain and dense (live and dead) vegetation, including: aspen, mixed conifer, Ponderosa pine, pinyon, juniper and mountain shrubs, are slowing suppression resources efforts.

The fire is being managed by a Color Country Interagency Type III Incident Management Team, led by Chris Henrie, Incident Commander. Objectives include suppressing the fire to reduce risk to private land and structures west of the incident, minimize smoke impacts to the town of Pine Valley and surrounding communities and to protect the sensitive Bonneville cutthroat trout habitat.

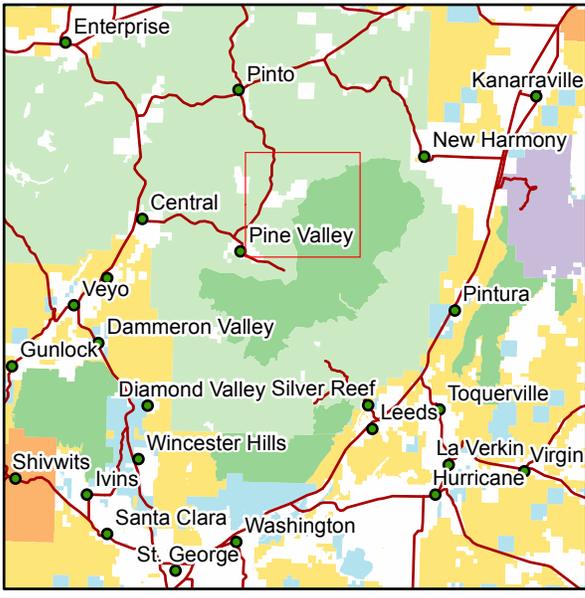
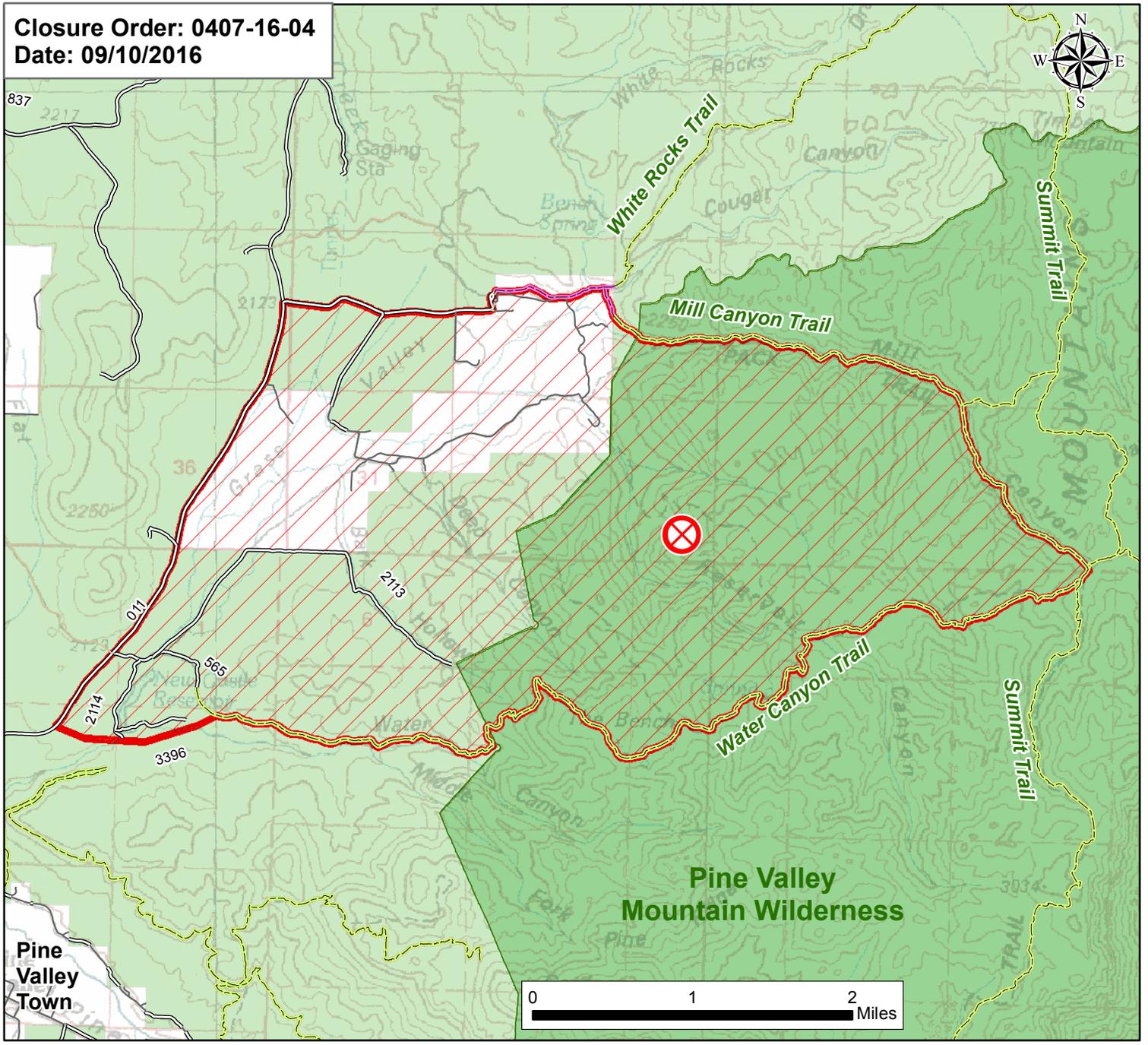
For further information please follow the Dixie National Forest on Facebook, Twitter, and [utahfireinfo.gov](http://utahfireinfo.gov).

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For more information on fires in Utah visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).



Closure Order: 0407-16-04  
 Date: 09/10/2016



**Dixie National Forest Pine Valley Ranger District  
 Main Canyon Fire  
 Area Closure**

**Legend**

	Fire Location		BLM		Open Roads
	Area Closure		Bureau of Indian Affairs		Admin. Roads
	Forest Boundary		National Park Service		Trail Non-Motorized
	National Forest		Private		Non-Forest Road
			State		Non-Forest/Private Trails
			Wilderness		



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST, PINE VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT**

**FIRE CLOSURE  
Main Canyon Fire Incident**

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on the roads and trails described in this Order, on the Pine Valley Ranger District, Dixie National Forest until further notice:

1. Going onto or being upon the trails described below, which are closed for the protection of public health and safety. 36 CFR 261.55(a).
2. Going onto or being upon the roads described below, which are closed for the protection of public health and safety. 36 CFR 216.54(e).

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempted from the prohibition contained in this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. [Title 36 CFR 261.50(d)(1)]
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer; or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. [Title 36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)]
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**ROADS AND TRAILS AREA DESCRIBED:**

The closed roads and trails are depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A, and specifically described as follows:

- Water Canyon Trail, # 31024. T38S, R14W, Section 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and T39S, R15W, Section 12; Mill Canyon Trail, #31013. T38S, R14W, Section 35, 29, 28, and 27.
- Road # 2113, 2114, 3396 and 565. T39S, R15W, Section 1, 12 and T39S, R14W, Section 6.
- Road # 255, 252. T38S, R14W, Section 31, 30 and 29.
- Road # 011. T38S, R15W, Section 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 and T39S, R15W, Section 1, 2, 10 and 11 and T38S, R14W, Section 18 and 19.

**PURPOSE/DURATION:**

This Order will remain in effect until September 30, 2016 or until rescinded, whichever is sooner, for public safety during wildland fire rehabilitation operations.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

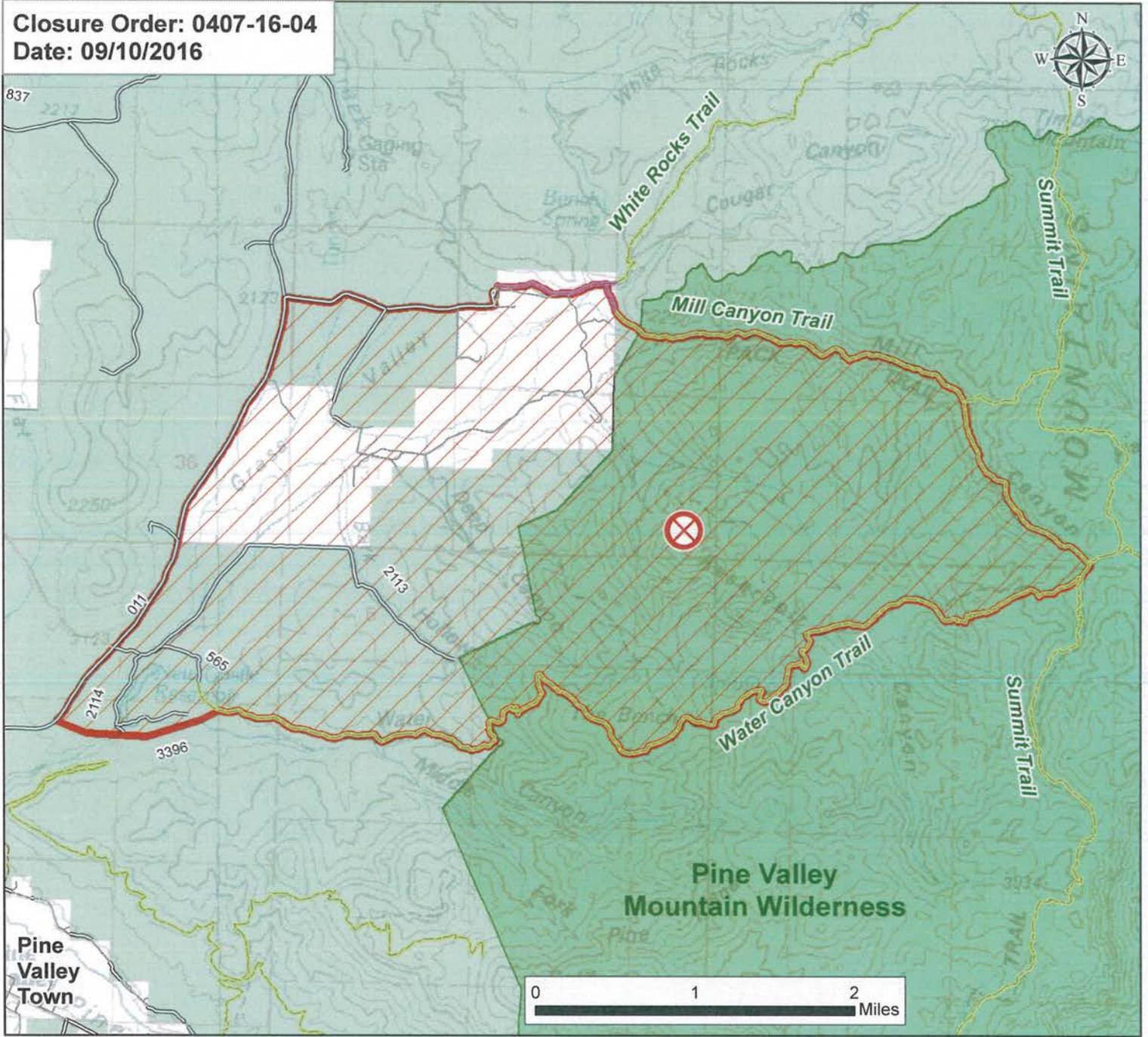
1. This order will be in effect when signed at the point of restriction.
2. A map identifying the areas that may be restricted is attached and made part of this order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)}.
4. Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Pine Valley Ranger District office located in St. George, Utah, telephone number (435) 652-3100, and at the Dixie National Forest Supervisor's Office in Cedar City, Utah, telephone number (435) 865-3700
5. This order supersedes any previous order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this order in the areas covered by this order.

Done at Cedar City, Utah this 11th day of September 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angelita Bullett", written over a horizontal line.

ANGELITA BULLETT  
Forest Supervisor  
DIXIE National Forest

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