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MINERAL FORK FIRE UPDATE AUGUST 11, 2016

South Jordan, Utah, August 11, 2016

Mineral Fork Fire, Salt Lake Ranger District, on the ridge of Mineral Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Salt Lake County, is currently 3 acres. The fire is continuing to burn in the timber understory. Today, the fire produced light smoke that may be visible from I-15 and surrounding areas.

Fire personnel are actively taking modified suppression action and will continue to:

- Ensure firefighter and public safety as the number one priority
- Protect the watershed in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Use fire as an important land management tool to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuel loading, and to enhance wildlife habitat

Fires burning in steep, hazardous terrain create a significant safety risk for firefighters.

Currently 30 fire personnel are working on the fire, with 20 more expected to arrive tomorrow.

The Forest Service is working with cooperators including Unified Fire Authority and The Nature Conservancy.

No roads or trails are closed at this time.

Please use caution when traveling in that area as fire personnel are parked and working along Big Cottonwood Canyon.

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Figure 1. Green fuels burning in understory, Mineral Fork Fire

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