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News Release

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FIRE UPDATE AUGUST 13, 2016

South Jordan, Utah, August 13, 2016 - Mineral Fork Fire, Salt Lake Ranger District, on the ridge of Mineral Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Salt Lake County, currently 5-7 acres. Crews are conducting burnout operations to secure firelines. Fire activity increased today due to high temperatures, low relative humidity and increase in winds. The fire continues to burn in the timber with isolated tree torching. Smoke will 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

Mineral Fork Trail is **CLOSED** for firefighter and public safety.

Currently 50 fire personnel are working on the fire.

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

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

Little Willow Creek fire, on quarter acre, started by lightning on August 7, is located west of Lone Peak. It is burning in a small timber stand surrounded by rock scree at 9,000 feet. Fire personnel are monitoring the fire.

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Figure 1. Fuels burning in Mineral Fork Fire

