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Mineral Fork Fire Update

Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, August 15, 2016 – The Mineral Fork fire in Big Cottonwood Canyon has burned 8 acres. Crews continue to secure fire lines and are conducting burn-out operations in some areas of the fire. Smoke may continue to be visible from I-15 and surrounding areas. The public is asked not to report the fire.

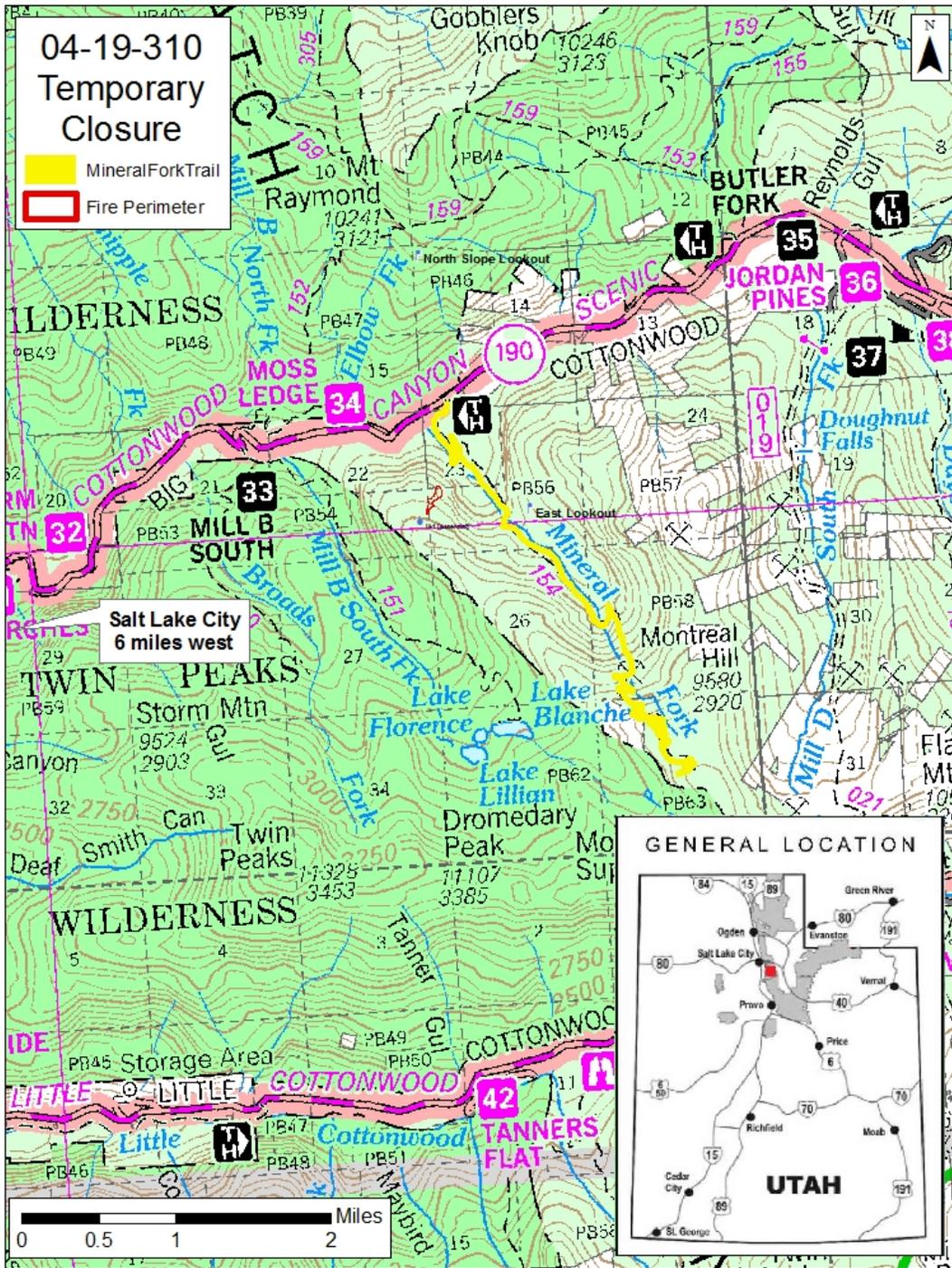
Fire personnel are actively taking modified suppression action on this fire and will continue to:

- 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

The Mineral Fork Trail is **CLOSED** for firefighter and public safety by Forest Order (04-19-310). Copies of the special order are posted at the trailhead and other locations throughout the canyon. A copy of the order is also available at the Salt Lake Ranger District.

Visitors are urged to use caution when traveling in the area as fire personnel are parked and working alongside the highway in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

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