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Mineral Fork Fire Update

Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, August 16, 2016 – The Mineral Fork fire has burned nine acres in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Crews are constructing contingency lines around the fire. More active flames were observed within the fire perimeter. Smoldering and creeping fire with isolated torching observed on site within the last 24 hours. Smoke will continue to be visible from I-15 and surrounding areas during the most active burn periods of the day between 11a.m. and 6p.m. 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

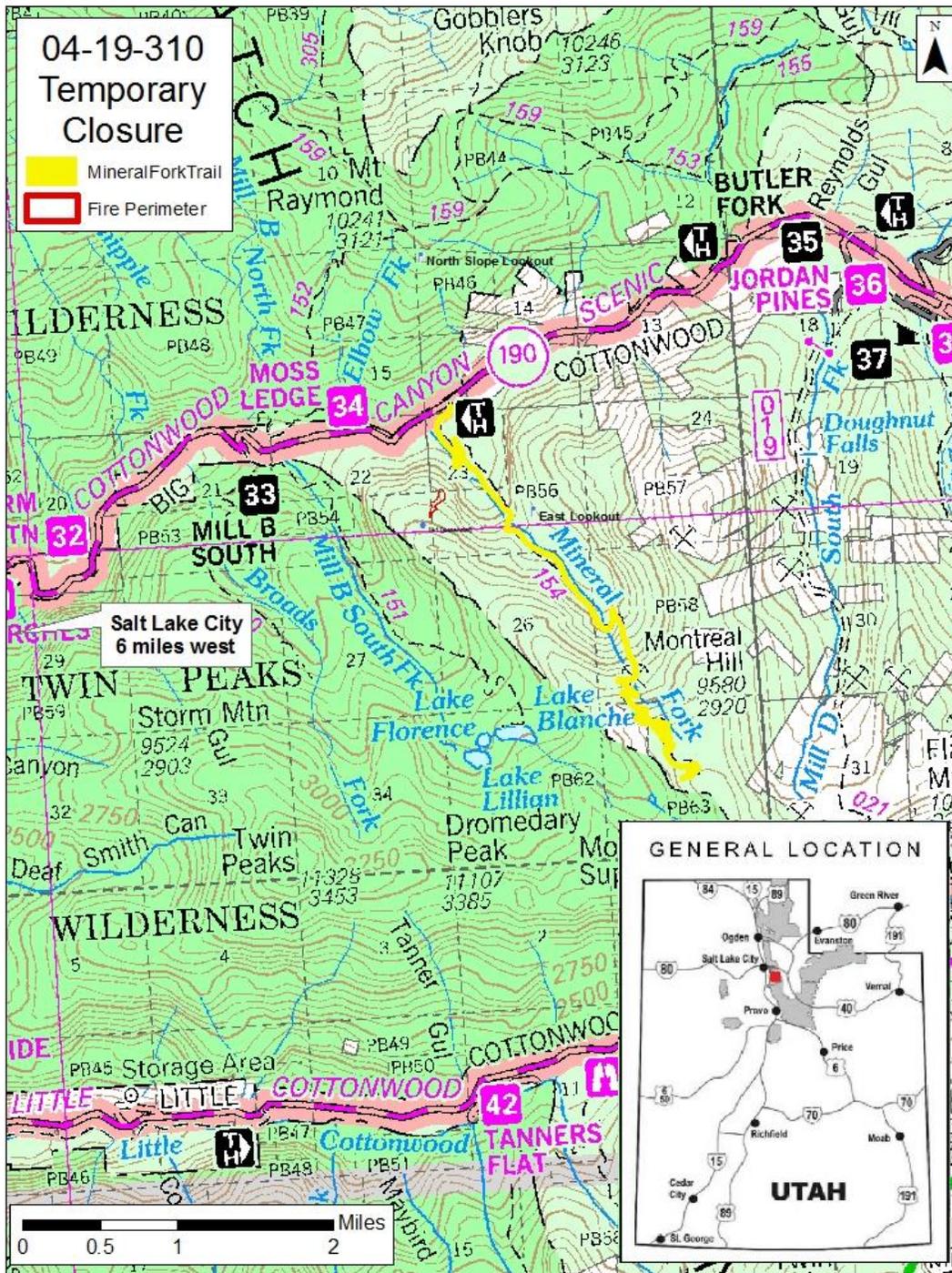
The Mineral Fork Trail remains **CLOSED** for firefighter and public safety by Forest Order (04-19-310). Copies of the special order are posted at the trailhead and other locations throughout the canyon. A copy of the order is also available at the Salt Lake Ranger District.

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

The Salt Lake Ranger District will host a community meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00p.m. The meeting will be held at the Unified Fire Authority Fire Station #108, located near the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Residents in Big Cottonwood Canyon and interested public are invited to attend to learn more about the Mineral Fork Fire from representatives from the Forest Service, Unified Fire Authority, and State of Utah Forestry and Fire Division.

Please exercise caution along Big Cottonwood Canyon Road for firefighter and public safety

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