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# News Release

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## Mineral Fork Fire Update

Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, August 18, 2016 – The Mineral Fork fire in Big Cottonwood Canyon, which is being managed by the U.S. Forest Service, had minimal growth today and is eleven acres burned. Crews today continue with the construction of contingency lines around the fire. Smoldering and creeping fire continue with isolated torching observed within the last 24 hours of the fire's perimeter. 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. The Forest Service continues to partner with the Unified Fire Authority and The Nature Conservancy in the management of the Mineral Fork 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 U.S. Forest Service will host a community meeting tonight, 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 of Big Cottonwood Canyon and interested members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about the Mineral Fork Fire from representatives from the Forest Service, Unified Fire Authority, and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

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

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