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PUMPKIN FIRE UPDATE – August 5, 2012

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 5, 2012 – The Pumpkin fire has burned approximately 176 acres and is 30% contained. It is located in steep, rugged terrain 20 miles east of Spanish Fork and a mile north of highway 6. The lightning-caused fire is burning in pinyon juniper, sagebrush, and timber in a remote area. Objectives are to protect private property along highway 6, high tension power line infrastructure, rail road, and provide for firefighter and public safety.

The fire yesterday did not increase in size but actively burned throughout the day. Expected growth potential for today is minimal. The fire will continue to smolder and creep with isolated tree torching.

Line construction was completed along the eastern side of the fire yesterday. Today, crews will continue with line construction around the perimeter of the fire. Helicopters will assist in the firefighting efforts with water drops and crew shuttles.

The Sheep Creek Campground and Tie Fork Rest Area are still closed as they are being used for fire operations. Fire officials are requesting the public to stay out of all areas where firefighters are working.

Resources: 3 crews, 1 squad, 3 helicopters, 1 air attack, 2 engines, 1 water tender, and 102 total personnel.

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