

WILDFIRE NEWS UPDATE

Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center

DATE: July 4, 2011

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TIME: 09:00 AM

RED BUTTE FIRE:

Start: July 3, 2011, 2:30 PM

Threatened Structures: Radio and Microwave Towers on Wire Peak. Red Butte Garden and the new Utah Museum of Natural History are still being monitored, with fire crews in place as a precaution.

Location: Red Butte Arboretum

Size: 50 Acres

Containment/Control: 40% Contained

Resources: 120 fire personal from SLC Fire, Utah BLM, Utah DNR, US Forest Service

Fire Origin & Cause: Under Investigation. Fire investigators will be working the area where the fire was first observed. Anyone with information regarding how this fire started are asked to call (801) 585-COPS (2677)

Additional Information: Handcrews will be working in concert with aerial resources throughout the day in order to meet containment line objectives on the Red Butte Fire.

Challenges that firefighters are facing include steep terrain, rattlesnakes, forecasted temperatures of 94°, and shifting winds of 6-10 mph.

NOTE: To protect the public, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail is closed to all activities, including hiking and biking, between the areas of Red Butte Canyon and This Is The Place Monument.

For more information on fire, check www.utahfireinfo.gov

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