

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**

### **Spanish Fork Ranger District**

#### **44 West 400 North**

#### **Spanish Fork, Utah 84660**

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### **RED LEDGES FIRE UPDATE**

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 21, 2012 – The Red Ledges fire was reported at 1:00 pm Sunday the 19 of August and has burned approximately 1854 acres and is 0% contained. A local Type 3 Team has taken command of the fire and is currently managing the fire. The fire is located in steep, rugged and hazardous terrain burning in Pinyon pine, Juniper and Gamble Oak. The fire had significant growth yesterday due to high winds and better mapping. The fire is located on the north and west side of Diamond Fork Canyon road in the Red Ledges area, which is 4 miles northeast of Diamond Fork campground. At this time, there are 20 cabins evacuated for safety in Wanrhodes. For public safety, recreationists were evacuated from the Diamond Fork Canyon area. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The objectives for this fire, is to keep the fire west of Diamond Fork, south of Hobble Creek, and east of Red Mountain Ridge. Fire fighters will continue to construct fire line around the perimeter of the fire with the assistance of helicopters and SEATS (single engine air tankers).

A closure is in still in effect from Balsom campground located in Right Hand Fork of Hobble Creek to Hals Fork Junction then south to Springville crossing and then west down Diamond Fork Canyon road to the Diamond Fork campground. The A loop of Diamond Fork campground is open while the B and C loop are closed to the public access. Diamond Fork group areas are closed to the public and closures are still in effect for Cabins located in Wanrhodes Canyon.

Resources include: 2 single engine air tanker (SEATS), 3 helicopter (2 light and 1 Sky Crane) helicopter, 2 Forest Service Engines, 1Utah County Engine, 4 type 2 hand crews and 1 Interagency Hotshot crews with more crews due to arrive.

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