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RIDGE FIRE UPDATE

Layton City, Utah, August 4, 2012 – The Ridge Fire was reported at 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2012. The fire is approximately 15 to 20 acres and is burning in grass and oak brush east of Layton, Utah and is 10% contained. Resources include 2 structure engines, 1 ladder truck, 2 brush trucks, 1 helicopter, 1 air attack, 11 smokejumpers, 2 Forest Service engines, 1 Bureau of Land Management engine, and a squad of 7 firefighters from Layton and Weber Counties.

Objectives are firefighter and public safety, keeping the fire from moving west (downhill) towards structures. There is a mandatory evacuation of 20 homes located in the Layton Ridge subdivision and 9 homes along 3050 North. Structure engines are in place. The evacuation center is located at North Ridge High School.

Firefighters are focusing on securing the west side to slow the fire from moving downhill towards structures. Fire crews are also working on building line along the east side of the fire and finishing securing the south flank. Two 20, person crews have been ordered and will arrive at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5th.

The Ridge Fire is being managed under unified command between Layton City and the U.S. Forest Service. Cooperators include, Weber County, Sunset, Syracuse, Kaysville, South Weber, South Ogden, Ogden, Roy, North Davis Fire District, South Davis Metro, Clinton, Farmington, Layton City Police Department, Davis County Sheriffs Department, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands and Utah Highway Patrol.

Due to smoke from the Ridge Fire, individuals traveling on Highway 89 and Interstate 84 in Weber Canyon are asked to drive with caution while in the vicinity of the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and law enforcement officials are asking that anyone with any information pertaining to the fire to please contact the Layton City Police Department at 801-497-8300.