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SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 FIRE UPDATE ON THE SPANISH FORK RANGER DISTRICT

Salt Lake City, Utah September 20, 2016 – Due to increased fire activity, the Diamond Fork road is closed between Springville Crossing south to Three Forks trailhead, approximately five and 1/2 miles. All roads and trails off the Sheep Creek road are temporarily closed including, Teat Mountain road (Forest Service road #070), First Water road, (Forest Service road #456), Second Water road (Forest Service road #065), Jocks Canyon trail (Forest Service trail #019), and Cottonwood Second Water trail (Forest Service trail #018). These closures will be reassessed as weather conditions change this week. The route is open from Hobble Creek to Sheep Creek.

Our number one priority is to ensure firefighter and public safety. These lightning fires are being managed to allow fire to play its natural role, improving forest health, reducing hazardous fuels, and improving wildlife habitat without posing undue risk to people or property. Fire personnel are continuing to monitor progression of the fires.

Forest users should be cautious and avoid the fire areas. Smoke is visible from surrounding areas. ***Please do not report the fires to 911 and do not extinguish fire.***

Two Tom fire, reported September 16, 2016, lightning caused. The Two Tom fire is estimated at 38 acres. The fire is located east of Diamond Fork Canyon, about 6 miles west of Strawberry Reservoir in Utah County. Fire behavior is minimal to moderate and is burning in grass, brush, mixed conifer, standing dead and downed and dead.

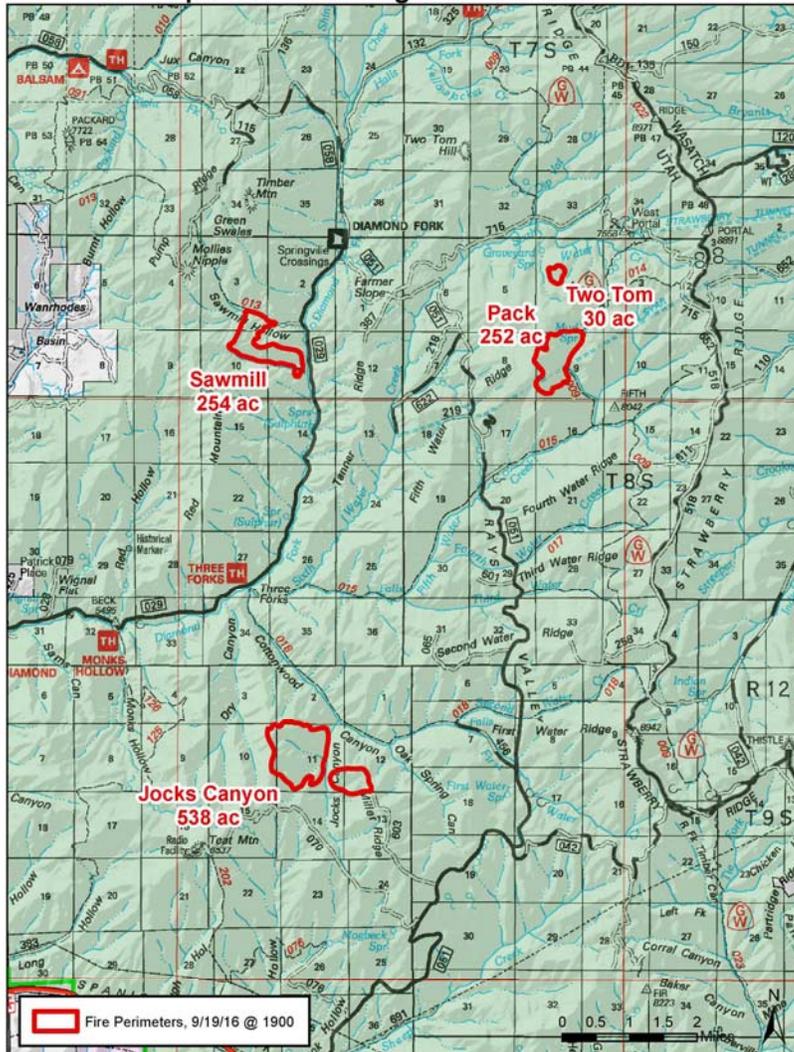
Jocks Canyon fire, reported September 16, 2016, lightning caused. The Jocks Canyon fire estimated at 824 acres. The fire is located south of Diamond Fork Canyon and 2 1/2 mile southeast of Dry Canyon campground, Utah County. Fire is burning in grass, sage, oak brush and mixed conifer, east towards Miller Ridge and north towards Cottonwood Canyon. Fire behavior is minimal to moderate.



Pack fire, reported September 18, 2016, lightning caused. The Pack fire estimated at 266 acres. The fire is located ½ mile south of the Two Tom fire, east of Diamond Fork Canyon, Utah County. Fire is burning in grass, sage, mixed conifer, aspen, standing dead and downed and dead timber. Fire activity today has been minimal to moderate.

Sawmill fire, reported September 16, 2016, lightning caused. The Sawmill fire estimated to be 550 acres, burning in grass, brush, mixed conifer and some aspen. The fire is located along the Diamond Fork road about nine miles west of Strawberry Reservoir, 12 miles east of Mapleton. Utah County. Fire behavior today has been high to moderate. Fire continues to be active in oak brush on the southern perimeter, but is holding on the ridge between Boot Hill and Mollies Nipple.

Spanish Fork Ranger District Fires



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