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THIRD WATER WILDFIRE UPDATE AUGUST 9, 2013

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 9, 2013 –The Third Water wildfire received substantial precipitation over the last 3 days and fire behavior has been minimal. Acreage remains at approximately 100 acres. This fire was reported on August 5th at 2:30 p.m. and is located on the ridge between Third Water and Fourth Water creeks, east of the Sheep Creek/Ray’s Valley Road on the Spanish Fork Ranger District.

Fire personnel will continue to monitor the lightning caused fire, to meet Forest resource objectives of reducing hazardous fuels, and re-generation of aspen and Douglas fir stands.

Crews have finished taking necessary suppression actions to protect range improvements and water quality, and to keep the fire between Strawberry Ridge and Ray’s Valley Road. Smoke impacts should be minimal. For public safety road and trail closures will remain in effect, until further notice. Closures include Forest Service Road # 70258, the Great Western Trail, Fourth Water Trail and the Third Water Trail. (see attached map)

