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West Government Creek Fire Update

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 3, 2016, 1 PM– West Government Creek Fire is a lightning caused fire that started on Friday, September 2, approximately 20 miles southwest from the Town of Vernon, Utah on the Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Current fire size is at 2000 acres with 0% containment. Fire is actively burning in grass, sagebrush and Juniper vegetation. There are no road or area closures at this time but the public is advised to refrain from entering the fire area. No structures are being threatened. Resources at risk include critical Sage Grouse habitat and cultural resources. The management objective for this fire is full suppression.

Multiple agencies have responded to this fire, including the BLM, Forest Service, and State and County resources. There are two Type 3 helicopters, four single engine air tankers (SEAT's), two heavy air tankers, one dozer, six engines, three water tenders, one Forest Service Initial Attack (IA) Squad, one Type 2 IA crew, and 2 Hotshot crews. Estimated personnel at scene is around 100.

Due to the Red Flag Warning of high winds and low relative humidity, fire acreage growth is expected to increase as the day continues.

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Photo: West Government Creek Fire currently burning 20 miles southwest of the Town of Vernon Utah on the Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest.