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West Government Creek Fire Update September 6

Spanish Fork, Utah, September 6, 2016 – The West Government Creek Fire is currently at 4,244 acres with 45% containment, burning on the Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest. The fire was lightning caused and is located southwest of Vernon, Utah.

Today, fire crews will continue working to secure fire line, mop up, and monitor the fire in firefighter accessible areas. A single helicopter is available for water drops throughout the day. There is minimal fire movement with the most active portion of the fire being located on the northeast ridge.

Due to the steep and rocky terrain on the northeast ridge, firefighters will be monitoring fire progression and making potential plans if the fire becomes more active.

Smoke will be visible in the town of Vernon, especially in the early morning hours.

Erickson Road is now open and no other closures are anticipated. The public is reminded that driving conditions are not ideal. The gravel roads are very dry and the extra traffic resulting from fire suppression activities has created a driving hazard. For firefighter and public safety please use extra caution.

The West Government Creek Fire is burning on Forest Service, BLM, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and private land. Agencies responding to the fire include fire personnel from the Forest Service, BLM, BIA National Park Service, City of Layton, City of Syracuse, Utah Fire, and State Forestry resources.

For Air Quality information related to smoke from fire please visit: www.airnow.gov



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Photo: Morning photo of the West Government Creek Fire taken on September 6th, 2016.