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## West Government Creek Fire Update September 7

Spanish Fork, Utah, September 7, 2016 – The West Government Creek Fire is currently 4,244 acres with 75% containment, burning on the Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest. The fire was caused by lightning in steep, rocky terrain southwest of Vernon, Utah.

Today, fire crews will continue working to secure the fire line, mop up, and patrol the fire in areas accessible to firefighters. The remainder of the fire area will be monitored by air. A single helicopter is also available for water drops throughout the day. There is minimal fire movement but wisps of smoke will be visible. Over half of the crews have been released from the fire for reassignment.

Erickson Road has been reopened for public use 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 Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands resources.

For Air Quality information related to smoke from fire please visit: [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

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