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SALT LAKE UNIFIED FIRE



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GUN RANGE FIRE UPDATE

Salt Lake City, August 16, 2010 – The Gun Range fire has burned approximately 50 acres of Forest Service and private land in Parley’s Canyon. The U.S. Forest Service, State of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and Salt Lake Unified Fire Authority are managing the fire incident under a unified command. The fire is currently 45% contained. At this time, fire officials do not have an estimated time of containment.

The objectives for the fire are fire fighter safety, watershed protection and prevent the fire spreading down slope in the I-80 corridor. There are currently 80 personnel assigned to the fire. A dozen smoke jumpers worked on the fire through the night building containment line. Unified Fire crew will also return to work on the mountain this morning with an additional two hotshots crews to continue to meet the multiple fire objectives. The Forest Service helicopter out of Mountain Green, UT is assigned to the fire.

The threat to structures is minimal at this time; however two engines will remain at the gun range along with providing support to the hand crews. This fire is under investigation.

Fire managers request that individuals stay out of the fire area, for both firefighter and public safety. Although there are no road closures in effect for this area, officials ask that there be **no stopping** along I-80 west of the East Canyon Exit.

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