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# News Release

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## **New fire starts - August 27, 2016**

Salt Lake City, August 27, 2016, 2 PM– Three new wildfires started on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest yesterday. The cause of each is under investigation. No structures are currently threatened.

Aircraft heavily supported ground crews yesterday. Five air tankers, two scoopers and two helicopters responded throughout the afternoon. Scoopers are planes that reload with water by skimming the surface of lakes.

The Davenport Fire is the largest of the three at 120 acres. It is located in the northeast portion of the Stansbury Mountains on the Salt Lake Ranger District. Four engines from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah provided initial attack response. The fire is not threatening any structures at this time. The Davenport trailhead is closed due to fire activity. It is burning in sage, grasses and juniper. Crews are expected to make significant progress on the Davenport Fire today.

The Twin Peaks Fire is approximately 15 miles south of Heber City and about 8 miles northeast of Strawberry Reservoir on the Heber-Kamas Ranger District. Eight smokejumpers responded to the fire yesterday. It is estimated between 8 and 15 acres and is burning in timber. No closures are in place related to this fire.

Willow Creek Fire is located approximately 8 miles south of Strawberry Reservoir in the Willow Creek drainage. Engine crews responded to this fire. This fire is burning in a concentration of standing dead trees. Water that was dropped on the fire yesterday quieted the fire significantly. This fire is being monitored by firefighters at this time.

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