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**Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**  
**Spanish Fork Ranger District**  
**44 West 400 North**  
**Spanish Fork, Utah 84660**



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**WILLOW CREEK FIRE RECEIVES HEAVY RAIN**

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 19, 2010 – Significant moisture overnight brought welcome relief to the firefighters working on the Willow Creek fire. Enough rain was received to release the crews, helicopters, and engines from the incident. Cody Peel’s Type 3 Incident Management Team, will be released later this morning. The fire will be transitioned to the local Forest to monitor for any remaining hotspots.

The lightning caused fire was reported on August 16, 2010 and has burned 150 acres in pinyon, juniper, sage, and grass. The fire was contained within the boundaries of the Mt. Nebo Wilderness, 30 miles south of Spanish Fork. Cooperators from Juab County, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands were able to successfully keep the fire from private lands and property and municipal and irrigation water sources.

The fire was allowed to play its natural role within the wilderness in the higher elevations where natural barriers limited the fire’s progress. Fire suppression tactics were limited due to access, topography, steep terrain, and significant risk to firefighter safety.

Willow Creek road and Willow Creek trail are open.

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