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Ashley National Forest

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Spring Fire Update

Duchesne, Utah ... High temperatures caused the Spring Fire to increase in size last week, but precipitation received on Sunday, August 14 has slowed fire growth. The fire is now 478 acres, with the majority of the fire increase occurring August 9 through August 13.

During the increase in fire activity, additional resources were called to assist, including additional hand crews, fire engines and a helicopter. However, the reduction in fire spread and activity has allowed most of these resources to be released. The Kings Peak Fire Use Module remains on the location and will closely monitor the fire and provide suppression activities as necessary.

The fire continues to be managed to meet the objectives outlined in the Ashley National Forest Resource Management Plan, including improving wildlife habitat, rangelands and reducing hazardous fuels buildup. The objectives include suppression of the unwanted spread of the fire to the east toward private property and State of Utah lands.

The fire has caused the temporary closure of the area south of Long Ridge Road (FS 148), and Forest Service Roads 069 and 320 for safety.

The Spring Fire was lightning caused and first discovered on July 30th 2011 burning at 8,600 feet on Reservation Ridge just south of Long Ridge.

For the most current updates, please call Duchesne Ranger District office at (435)738-2482.