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Wolf Den Fire Update

Vernal, Utah – The Wolf Den fire is now 55% contained and more accurate mapping shows the fire at 19,836 acres. There were small pockets of fuel inside the fire lines that burned intensely yesterday, but there was no fire growth outside the established fire lines.

The west and north sides of the fire are in patrol status. The majority of assigned resources will be working the south and east flanks of the fire. Recent burnout operations have been successful in removing unburned fuel between the fire lines and the fire. Operations personnel have tied existing roads into terrain features that will extend control lines around the fire.

“Hard work by assigned resources and cooperators has resulted in excellent progress toward achieving incident objectives.” said Brian Watts, Incident Commander trainee on the Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 2.

Fire operations have been careful to reduce impacts to deer and elk winter range, and sage grouse habitat. To date, the fire has not damaged oil and gas infrastructure.

The Wolf Den Fire started on June 29, 2012, about 1:00 P.M. from a lightning strike. The fire was reported at latitude 39.46.29, longitude 109.13.11, approximately 35 miles south of Vernal, Utah.