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Wolf Den Fire Update

Vernal, Utah – Cooler weather and higher humidity contributed to excellent progress on the Wolf Den Fire yesterday. Fire lines are holding and the fire only grew by a few acres, now at 19,865 acres. The Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 2 will transition the fire back to the local unit on Saturday, July 7, at 6:00 A.M.

Firefighters will be patrolling the West and North sides of the fire today, looking for any hot spots. The rest of the resources will concentrate on the east side of the fire today. Fire lines are being extended into terrain features to minimize impact on the land.

“I’m impressed with the high level of cooperation that exists between local, State and Federal agencies, here in Utah. Those relationships contributed to a successful outcome on the Wolf Den Fire,” said Brett Fillis, Incident Commander of the Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 2.

Oil and gas infrastructure, deer and elk winter range, sage grouse habitat, and cultural and historic structures remain high priority for firefighters to protect. One historic cabin was discovered destroyed by the fire yesterday. No other structures have been lost.

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.

For more information, please see: <http://inciweb.org/incident/2988/>