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Box Canyon Fire

Kamas, Utah July 31, 2016 – The Box Canyon Fire is located 2 miles southeast of Ledgefork Campground on the Heber-Kamas Ranger District. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The fire is approximately 1000 acres in steep and inaccessible terrain burning towards the southeast. The steep and rocky terrain creates an incomplete burn pattern resulting in pockets of unburned vegetation within the fire perimeter. Two crews, two helicopters, and two engines are working the incident. There are approximately 55 personnel assigned.

Most of the fire spread occurred the afternoon of July 29th. Cooler temperatures and increased humidity, along with wetting rains that occurred late yesterday and last night over portions of the fire has slowed fire spread.

The steep and rocky terrain limits the use of fire fighters to construct fire lines that stop the progression of the fire. Fire managers are using the rocky terrain along with helicopter water drops to keep the fire within natural rock out-crops that limit fire movement. Two helicopters are assigned to the incident including a heli-tanker that is capable of dropping around 1000 gallons at a time. Hand crews are filling in and removing flammable vegetation between rocky out-crops where they have available access.

There is considerable unburned vegetation within the perimeter of the fire that will continue to put up significant smoke at times. Additional moisture is forecasted today which should continue to aid suppression efforts.

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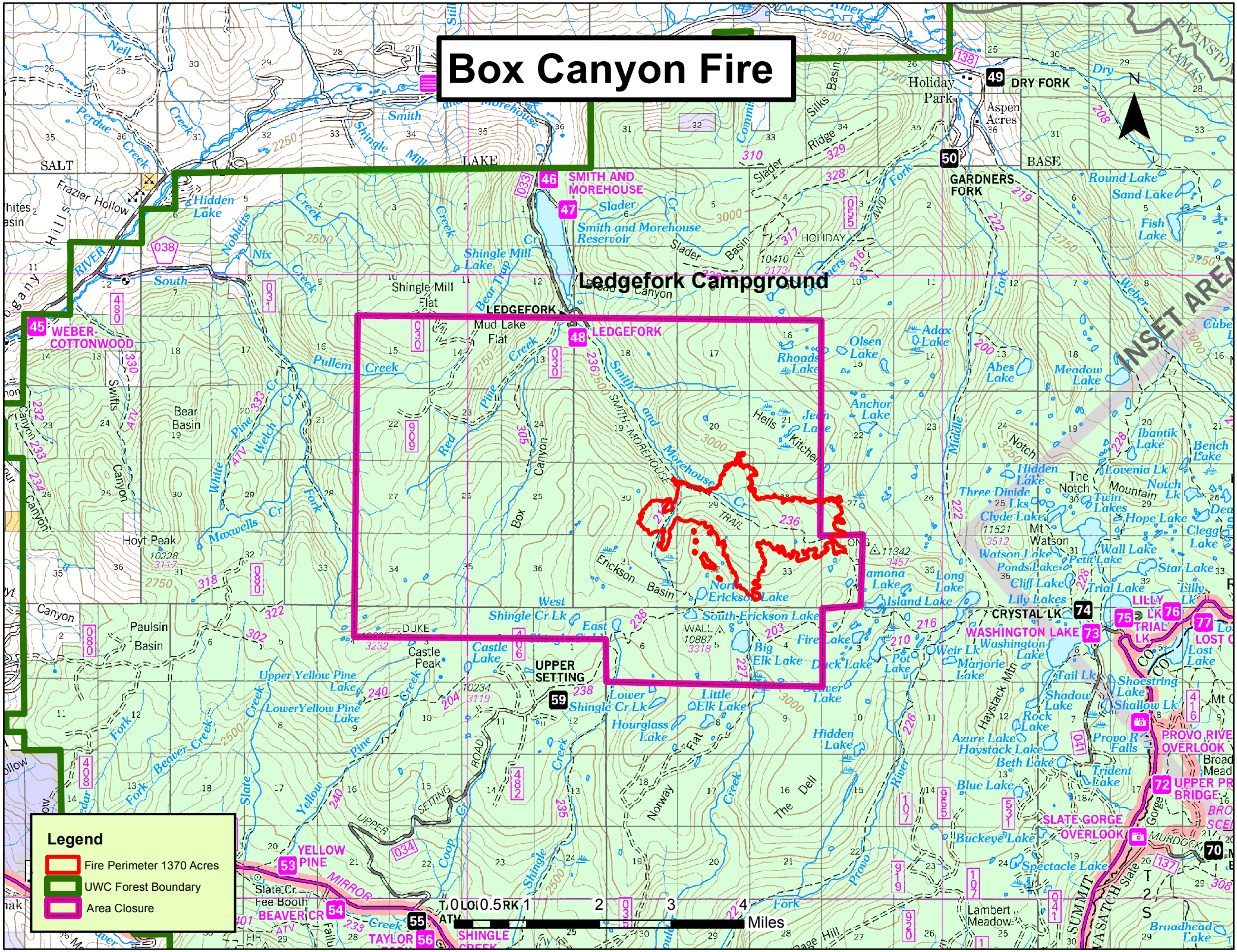
Box Canyon Fire
Ledgefork Campground
INSET AREA
Legend
Fire Perimeter 1370 Acres
UWC Forest Boundary
Area Closure
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YELLOW PINE
CRYSTAL LK
WASHINGTON LAKE
PROVO RIVER OVERLOOK
SLATE GORGE OVERLOOK
Smith and Morehouse Reservoir
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Mud Lake Flat
Bear Basin
Paulsin Basin
Erickson Basin
Hoyt Peak
Castle Peak
Holiday Park
Aspen Acres
Lambert Meadow
Slate Cr
Fee Booth
BEAVER CR
TAYLOR
SHINGLE CREEK
Hidden Lake
Shingle Mill Lake
Rhoads Lake
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Notch Mtn Lk
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Fish Lake
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South Fork
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Welch Creek
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Nobletts Creek
Nix Creek
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Hourglass Lake
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Trial Lk
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Slate Creek Trail
Yellow Pine Trail
Norway Flat Road
Upper Setting Road
Mirror Lake Hwy
Provo River
Provo Gorge
Murdock
Summit
Wasatch
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