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News Release

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BOX CANYON FIRE

Kamas, Utah. August 1, 2016. The Box Canyon Fire, discovered on July 28, 2016 is burning in very steep and rocky terrain with pockets of mixed conifer, brush, as well as dead timber. It is located 2 miles southeast of the Ledgefork Campground in the Heber-Kamas Ranger District.

The difficult terrain prevents safely attacking the fire directly with ground crews. Coordinated use of helicopters has been effective in minimizing fire growth.

The fire is approximately 1370 acres in size with most of the increase in acreage attributed to more accurate mapping of the fire perimeter using aerial infrared imagery.

A sky crane helitanker, capable of dropping 800-1200 gallons of water per load will continue to be used on hot spots to manage fire growth. Where accessible ground crews will be utilized to remove vegetation in coordination with water drops to keep the fire contained within rocky cliffs and areas where vegetation could not sustain fire spread.

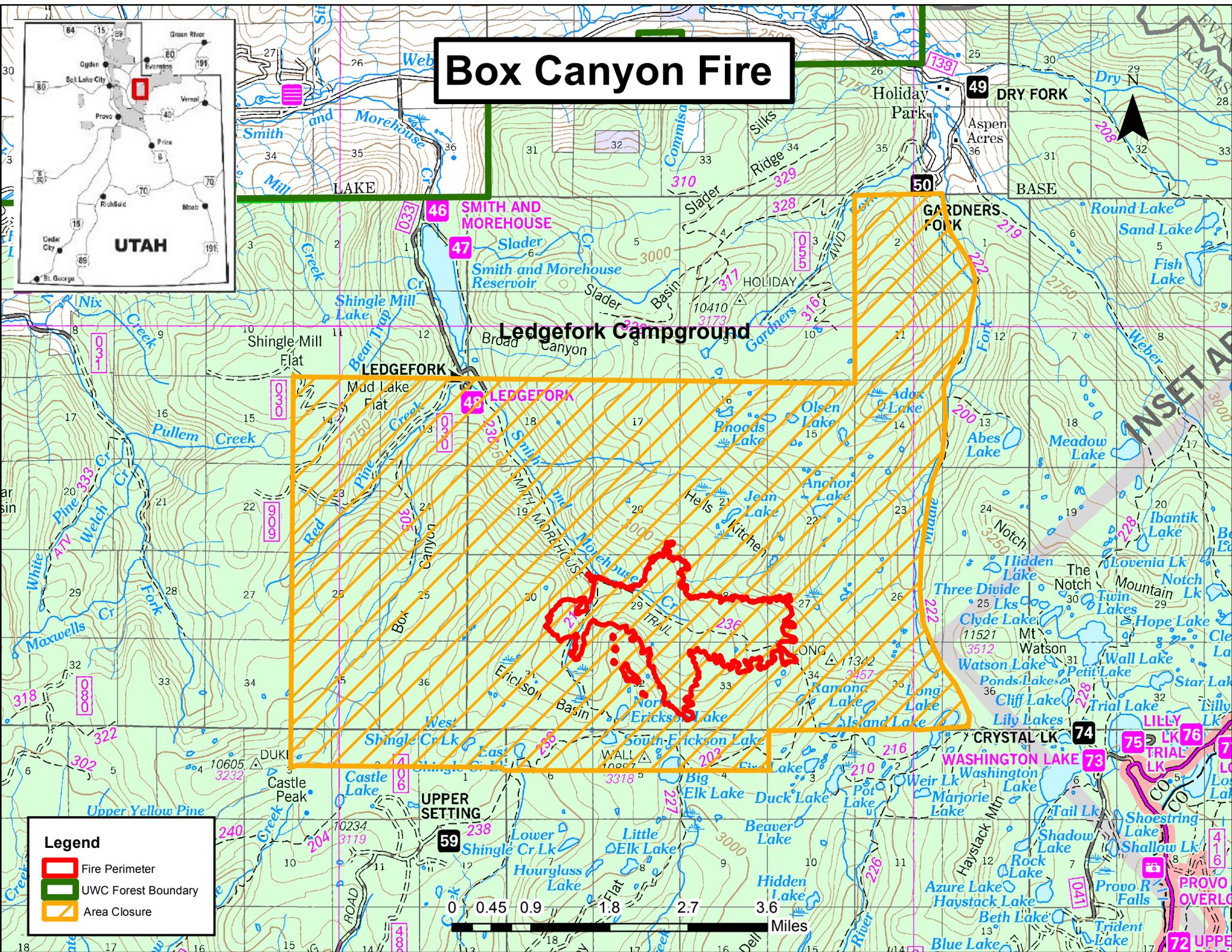
Due to lower humidity levels and warmer temperatures more smoke is expected today. Drier conditions with scattered thunderstorms are expected today, with cooler temperatures later in the week and drier conditions forecasted over the weekend.

49 personnel are still assigned to the Box Canyon Fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The Box Canyon Fire closed area remains in effect, which includes Ledgefork Campground.

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Legend

- Fire Perimeter
- UWC Forest Boundary
- Area Closure

