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Box Canyon Fire

Acres: 2,379

Kamas, Utah August 7, 2016 –Little to no rain fell on the Box Canyon Fire area during yesterday's thunderstorm event. Thunderstorm winds caused fire activity to increase slightly. Some spotting was visible, however, firefighters were able to keep fire in check with resources onsite. Erickson Basin or the southwest side of the fire received some light precipitation last night.

Overall, fire behavior has consistently been low to moderate with mostly low flame lengths that are burning dry vegetation, dead down logs and cleaning up the forest understory. Some tree torching has been visible when fire reaches groups of beetle kill trees.

Today, crews will basically repeat the same strategy as yesterday utilizing natural barriers where possible along with hand crews, helicopter support and performing burn out operations as weather conditions permit to slow fire progression. A reconnaissance flight is planned at least daily to monitor entire fire area. The fire module team will remain camped out at Anchor Lake collecting data and fuel moisture and also monitoring the overall activity of the fire.

An increase of traffic around the Incident Command Post at Oakley Town Hall and to and from the Ledgefork campground will continue. Please use caution if traveling in and around this area.

Ledgefork Campground and the boat launch at Smith and Morehouse are still closed to the public. For more information on campgrounds and reservations please call Kamas Ranger District office at (435) 783-4338.

For Air Quality information related to smoke from fire please visit: airnow.gov



See inciweb.org for more information on the Box Canyon Fire and other fire incidents occurring in the western U.S. Information boards have also been posted around Kamas, Oakley and near Smith and Morehouse Reservoir.

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