

BLM Wildfire Update

Date and Time: July 14, 2012 at 8:30 p.m.

Rhyolite Fire

Started: 7/11/2012 at 2:27 p.m.

Location: East side of Pilot Mountains, western Box Elder County (near Nevada Border)

Size: 4,358 acres (reduced in size due to more accurate mapping)

Agency: BLM

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 90%

Estimated Containment: 7/15/2012

Terrain: Steep terrain and difficult access.

Vegetation: Grass, brush, juniper trees.

Crews: 1 Helicopter, 5 engines, 5 handcrews, 3 watertenders and command staff for a total of 140 personnel.

Other: The fire received heavy rain, causing impassable roads and difficulty for crews. No threats remain to structures, residences, or communication sites.

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Flood Canyon Fire

Started: 7/10/2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Oquirrh Mountains, east of Erda, Utah

Size: 720 acres

Agency: Private and BLM.

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 65%

Estimated Containment: 7/16/2012

Terrain: Extremely steep and rocky slopes.

Vegetation: grass, brush, trees

Crews: 2 helicopters, 4 handcrews, 1 watertender, 1 engine and fire command staff for a total of 106 personnel.

Other: Significant progress was made today ground crews with support of a helicopter and small airtanker. The fire was smoldering and creeping, moderated by higher humidity and occasional rain throughout the day. The incoming weather (wind, rain, and lightning) has also hampered aircraft operations and made working conditions hazardous for ground crews. Communication sites, television towers and powerlines are potentially threatened.

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