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## **Type 3 Wildland Fire – Choke Cherry, Ibapah Utah (Juab County)**

(Ibapah, Utah) – An active wildfire continues to burn in the mountainous terrain near the historic Pony Express – Overland Stage trail, close to the town of Callao. Fire has consumed 1,500 acres of pinyon pine and juniper, amid grasses in the Deep Creek mountain range. Upper elevations of the fire are at 8,300 feet, and it is burning into several old burn areas. Fire suppression resource teams worked most of Tuesday on the Northeast side of the fire, with 3 helicopters dropping water from buckets,

Monday's dry conditions and high wind of 10-20 miles per hour spread the fire. Seven retardant drops occurred on perimeter lines to assist with fire suppression. For Tuesday, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag warning, and predicted weather patterns with dry winds.

A Northern Utah Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team took command of the fire today and continues the suppression efforts. The fire is currently burning entirely within the Deep Creek Wilderness Study Area and on Bureau of Land Management lands. Focus is on minimizing impacts to the wilderness values and preserving the historic and cultural areas around this mountain range. No injuries have been reported. Several ranches in the area are threatened, but no evacuations have been ordered.

Total Fire Personnel = 167  
5 Engines  
3 Helicopters with bucket capabilities  
3 Airplanes (fixed seats)  
Smoke Jumper Crew out of Boise Idaho



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