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# News Release

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## RED LEDGE FIRE UPDATE JULY 15, 2016

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 15, 2016 - The Red Ledge Fire, located 2 miles east of Currant Creek is currently 141 acres. Fire behavior is anticipated to be more active as temperatures are expected to increase over the next few days. Fire crews from cooperating agencies continue to strengthen indirect lines and burn small timber patches to:

- reduce fuel accumulation and promote aspen regeneration
- decrease potential for high intensity wildfires by reintroducing fire into beetle-killed timber stands
- minimize fire spread to state and private lands and provide structure protection

Personnel assigned to the incident include, two hot shot crews, two hand crews, five engines, and one helicopter. Expect delays if you are traveling on Forest Service road #080 (just below the Currant Creek Dam), as the road will be intermittently closed throughout the day due to fire operations. Off-road vehicles and other recreationists may encounter fire equipment in the area, and users are urged to use caution. Smoke will continue to be visible from surrounding areas.

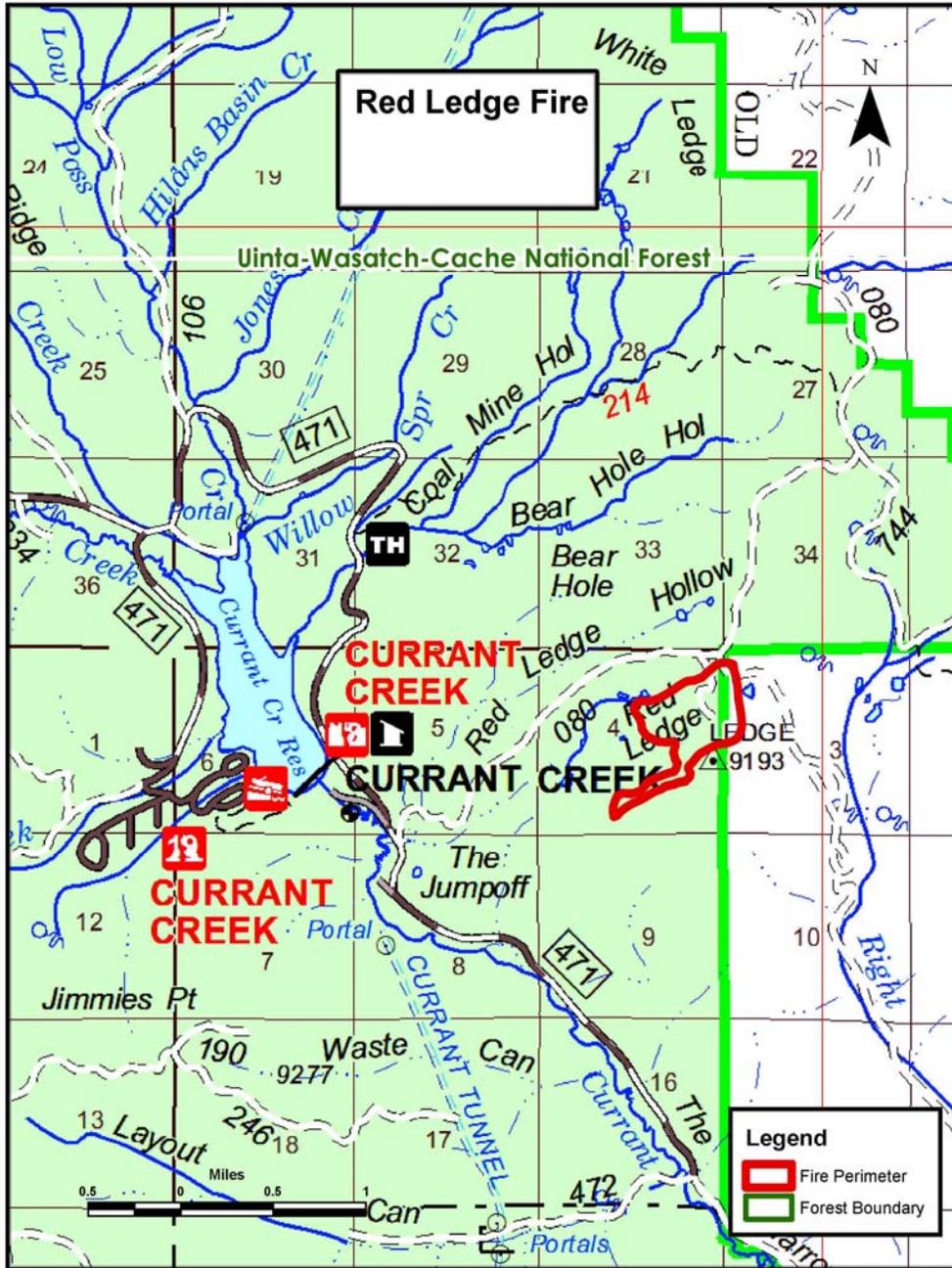
Every wildland fire on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest will have a response. We will continue to use fire as an important land management tool to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuel loading, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Cooperators include: Wasatch County, Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, and Forest Service.

Further updates will be posted as information is available.

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