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RED LEDGE FIRE UPDATE JULY 18, 2016

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 18, 2016 - The Red Ledge Fire, located 2 miles east of Currant Creek, is currently 290 acres. Fire activity has remained within the indirect fire line boundaries and is expected to continue to do so. Smoke may be visible from surrounding areas for the next several days and weeks. That may change subject to potential thunderstorms over the next few days.

Fire crews from cooperating agencies will continue to hold indirect lines minimizing the risk to firefighter safety. As the number of firefighting resources begins to decrease, crews will continue to monitor fire conditions and respond accordingly. Firefighter and public safety are the number one priority, along with minimizing fire spread to state and private lands and providing structure protection.

Burning some of the timber stands has resulted in a mosaic burn, where some vegetation is burned while other vegetation remains. This mosaic burn pattern is beneficial to forest health by encouraging ecological diversity, reducing fuels, and maintaining plant, animal and habitat needs.

Resources assigned to the fire are: two hand crews, three Forest Service engines, one helicopter, and logistical support. They will be monitoring remaining hotspots within the fire line boundaries and patrolling the perimeter to ensure containment.

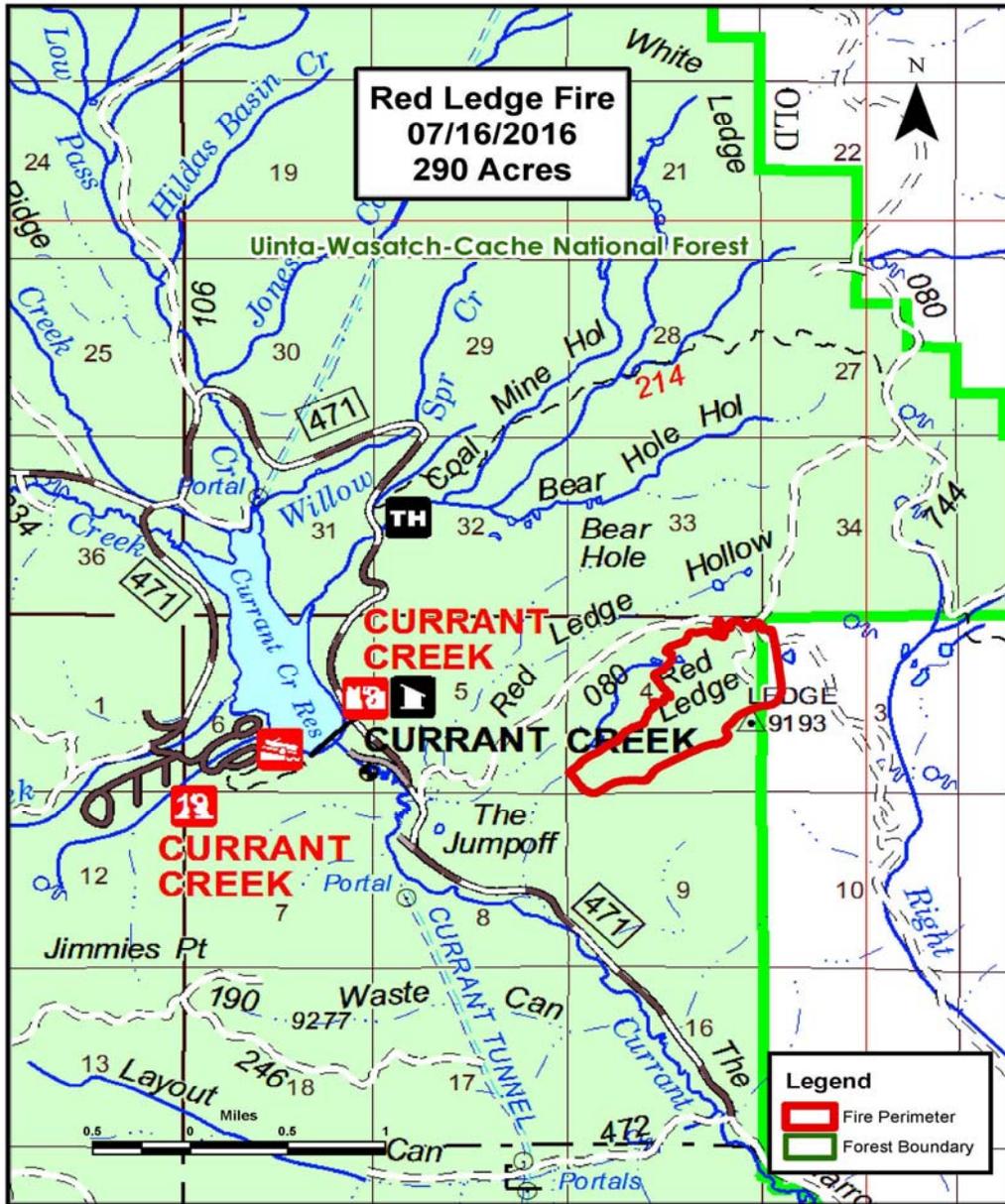
All Currant Creek recreation and camping areas are open. Expect minor delays if you are traveling on Forest Service road #080 (below Currant Creek Dam). Off-road vehicles and other recreationists may encounter fire equipment in the area.

We would like to thank the residents in the surrounding areas and all visitors for their patience who may have been inconvenienced by fire operations.

Fire plays a beneficial role in maintaining the ecological stability of many landscapes and the Forest Service is working with partners to restore healthy, resilient, fire-adapted ecosystems.

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