



Devil's Den Fire Status **Fishlake National Forest**

Date: August 21, 2006

8:30 AM



Fire Information Phone Numbers:

Incident Command Post, Millard County Fairgrounds: 661-330-0152 / 760-384-8017

Fillmore Interagency Information Center: 435-743-4280

For more information visit: <http://www.inciweb.org> and <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/>

This fire started on August 15th, 2006 and was caused by lightning. It is located three miles southeast of Oak City, in the Fishlake National Forest. One fatality has occurred on this fire. Further information regarding funeral services is available at: <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/>

Current Situation:

- Top priority is the protection of Oak City residents and structures. Approximately 50 homes are classified as threatened.
- Due to fire growth onto Utah State Lands near Oak City, a Unified Command was established to include: Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands and California Interagency Incident Management Team 1.
- The fire was most active yesterday and last night in the Cascade Creek drainage. Last night, firefighters were very successful building hand and dozer line along the north edge of this fire.
- Burnout operations were conducted at the northwest corner and along the north and west edges last night when conditions permitted. Those operations went very well for firefighters.
- Fire activity yesterday and last night was low on the south and east edges of this fire.
- Heavy Air Tankers and five SEAT (Single Engine Air Tanker) aircraft were again used to drop retardant.
- The terrain is a significant factor on this fire with very steep and rocky ground. Accessibility requires troop shuttle operations in some areas.

- The fire is burning primarily in a Pinyon/Juniper fuel class mixed with Gamble Oak and Mahogany. **Total Acres Burned: 609 acres** **Containment: 0%**
Please note: Due to the successful burnout operation, the acreage and containment figures will increase significantly when new measurements are completed.
- **353 personnel** are assigned to this fire at present. They make up **eight crews**, and staff the **26 engines, four water tenders and six dozers** in use.
- No structures have been destroyed or damaged by this fire. Cost to date: \$ 500,000
- Initial attack for an area of approximately 6,000,000 acres is being provided by firefighters assigned to this fire.

Actions planned for today:

- Firefighters will continue constructing fire lines, with focus on the west, north edges and northwest corner. Mop-up work on the burnout fire lines will be done to better secure those lines.
- Aircraft committed to this fire will be SEAT (Single Engine Air Tanker) aircraft as needed. Also, two helicopters will be moving firefighters to the fire line and dropping water throughout the day.
- Thunderstorm activity (15% chance) is expected and resources are in place for immediate response. Additional safety precautions will be highlighted for firefighters on the ground as thunder cells move through creating erratic wind conditions.

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