



Jocks Canyon, Sawmill, Pack and Two Tom Wildland Fires

Location: Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Spanish Fork Ranger District



Photo 1. The Jocks Canyon fire on 9/21/16.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache fire management personnel took advantage of favorable late season conditions to allow fire to play its natural role on the landscape while protecting values at risk on the Spanish Fork Ranger District. The lightning-caused Jocks Canyon, Sawmill, Pack and Two Tom fires started between September 14th and 17th and have burned more than 3,000 acres to date. The fires may continue to produce visible smoke until cooler and wetter conditions prevail.

The fires have burned with a mixed severity mosaic pattern creating numerous beneficial fire effects including: stimulating aspen regeneration, increasing age class diversity in various vegetation types, restoring fire to the landscape, improving wildlife habitat, reducing hazardous fuel loading and continuity, and improving overall ecosystem health and resilience. By managing these fires to meet Forest Plan objectives, managers have also reduced the risk of larger fires with unwanted fire effects in the future.



Photo 2. The Sawmill fire on 9/21/16.