

Neola North Fire Update

Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team- Kim Martin IC
Fire Information (435) 353-3008
Hours of operation: 7:00 am – 9:30 pm
Information is also available at: <http://www.inciweb.org>



Date July 7, 2007
Time 8:00 am

Current Situation: Crews continued to make progress yesterday in constructing fireline on the west and east flanks of the fire. A burnout operation was conducted near Pole Mountain to improve firefighter safety and to strengthen containment lines. A thunderstorm moved over the fire area again yesterday bringing with it strong winds from varying directions. Helicopters were grounded and suppression work was halted until the storm passed through. Despite the adverse weather conditions the containment lines held.

New firefighting technology known as RAMS (Radiometric Airborne Mapping System) was used to identify hotspots within the fire perimeter. Crews will be focusing on these areas to ensure they are extinguished.

Closures: The Closure Order in effect for the portion of the Ashley National Forest has been revised. The new closure is generally east of and including Uinta Canyon Road and west of Red Cloud Loop Road. Only emergency personnel will be allowed access to this closed area. For additional information please contact the Ashley National Forest at (435) 789-1181 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley.

Fire Restrictions: The Ute Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs have restrictions in place with exemptions for cultural activities. Fire restrictions are in effect for the Ashley National Forest. For further information contact the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office at (435)789-1181. Fire restrictions have gone into effect statewide and information is available at www.utahfireinfo.gov.

Because of the extremely dry and dangerous conditions, residents and visitors to the Uinta Basin are reminded to use extreme caution during outdoor activities.

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: June 29, 2007	Containment: 55 %
Size: estimated 42,639 acres	Cause: Under investigation
Total Personnel: 900 including National Guard	Cost to Date: approximately \$4.9 million
Resources include: 10 Type 1 crews, 11 Type 2 crews, 12 helicopters, 32 engines, 1 dozer, 9 watertenders and overhead personnel	

Other websites: More fire information is available at <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov> .

Special Notice: To report wildland fires, please call 911 or contact the Uintah Basin Interagency Fire Center 435-789-7021.

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