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## Update July 28, 2014: Spring Canyon Fire and Ether Fire

Springville, Utah July 28, 2014 – The Spring Canyon Fire is located on the North Side of Hobble Creek and at the mouth of the Spring Canyon, approximately 1 mile east of Springville, Utah. The fire was human caused by fireworks on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Currently the fire is 65% contained, has burned 140 acres, and is being actively suppressed. Of the 140 acres, 111 acres private, 27 acres US Forest Service, and 2 acres of Utah Department of Wildlife Resources.

The Spring Canyon Fire behavior is currently creeping and smoldering at mid-slope elevations in pockets of oak brush. Due to the steep terrain and accessibility, helicopters have been heavily utilized to support firefighters on the ground. Air support was successful at working with ground crews to reducing fire behavior on Saturday through dropping 70,000 gallons of water and retardant. On Sunday hand crews worked towards containment of the fire as they will continue to do today.

The following resources remain on the fire for Monday, July 28th:

- 4 Hand crews
- 1 Type 3 Helicopter
- 3 Engines

The Ether Fire, located near Ether Peak and on the south side of Hobble Creek, has burned within dangerously steep terrain making it unsafe for firefighters to work. The fire is being monitored from the air and no smoke has been seen since Friday July, 25th. This fire will continue to be monitored by air over the next few days.

As a reminder, fireworks or possession of fireworks are illegal on any National Forest land.

The Spring Canyon and Ether Fires is being managed by a Northern Utah Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team made up of Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Unified Fire Authority, Forestry Fire & State Lands, and Utah County in cooperation with local, city, state, county and federal agencies.

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