


UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE

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Left Fork Fire Incident Update

RELEASE DATE:

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STATUS

Start Date: May 9, 2022	Start Time: 1300 hrs
Incident Type: Wildland Fire	Cause: Human
Location: Dixie National Forest, 10 miles SW of Bryce Canyon City in the Kanab Creek drainage	
Size: 4,254 acres	Containment: 50%
Expected Containment: Aug 1, 2022	Injuries: 0
Structures Threatened: 134	Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0

RESOURCES

Engines: 25	Water Tenders: 14	Crews: 23
Helicopters: 3	Dozers: 1	Total Personnel: 708
Cooperating Agencies: USDA Forest Service, DOI Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, and Garfield and Kane County Sheriff's Office.		

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>Containment should continue to slowly increase, as crews use the moisture received from recent storms to suppress the fire. Showers continued to cool off the area, providing a break in fire behavior for the crews around most of the perimeter. Cloud cover has been fairly consistent over the fire as well.</p> <p>Despite the recent precipitation, fuels remain critically dry. Some creeping and torching is still being observed on the western flank of the fire. While this is mostly internal, fire managers are taking extra caution to assure these heat sources do not spot across the current fire edge. Aircraft is being used when appropriate to provide water drops for these areas.</p> <p>As another tool to assist firefighters, a UAS (Unmanned Air System) is being successfully utilized in identifying hot spots. This close proximity infrared machine helps firefighters locate heat sources so they can identify and extinguish them. Because the sun causes the ground to rise in temperature it makes it more difficult to identify fire heat from what is convective heat from the sun, these UAS operators begin their shift before sunrise for a more optimal reading.</p>
Evacuations:	No evacuations, lifted from Bryce Woodlands Estates. Residents should sign up for the Emergency Notification System alerts: https://member.everbridge.net/892807736721500/login
Road Closures:	Kanab Creek Road system, See forest closure: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1036646.pdf