



Daily Fire Update



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Bear Lake Fire – September 3, 2015

Current Status: The fire was active yesterday as temperatures increased and wind strengthened in the afternoon. A smoke column was visible from active burning in the interior of the fire area. Crews completed hand lines on the northern perimeter of the fire. Hand lines are now in place around the entire fire area.

Planned Events: Crews will continue to patrol, monitor and mop up control lines around the entire fire area. Spike camps at Bear Lake and Steward Meadows will be removed and sites will be rehabilitated to a natural condition. Crews will continue fuel mitigation work along the Pioneer Scenic Byway. Contingent on precipitation received on the fire, plans are in place for removing structure protection equipment.

Fire Weather: A cold front moved into the area overnight, bringing cooler weather and higher humidity which will moderate fire behavior. There is a strong chance of significant precipitation over the next several days. Minimal fire growth is expected.

Air Quality: Air quality has improved since last week and is considered 'moderate'. Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged exposure and heavy exertion.

Start Date August 20, 2015
Cause.....Lightning
Acres 6381
Percent Contained 45%
Total Firefighters 262
Engines11
Helicopter4

Closures & Restrictions: A new area closure is in effect. This area closure rescinds the area closure issued on August 21, 2015. *All campgrounds, day use areas, and dispersed camping areas along the west and east sides of the Pioneer Scenic Byway are OPEN, except Pettengill campground, which will remain closed for fire traffic. The Pioneer Scenic Byway remains open. Trails 3380, 2245, 2226, Lacy Creek Road, and road 1290 remain closed due to potential fire growth to the north.* The complete closure order and closure map can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4560/#>. The purpose of this order is to ensure public health and safety from wildfire and fire suppression activities associated with the Bear Lake Fire. The area closure is in effect until October 31, 2015 and is being continually assessed based on fire behavior and as fire containment increases the closure will be updated.

The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) can be found at
http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_0170.html.