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News Release

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Box Canyon Fire

Kamas, Utah Date – The Box Canyon Fire is currently at 4,119 acres and is approximately 20% contained. The western portion of the fire is the most active but aerial operations have held the line in place. The Utah National Guard has supplied two Black Hawk helicopters to assist with suppression on the Box Canyon Fire.

There is a high pressure system in place and little relief is expected through midweek, creating extreme burning conditions for Tuesday. Crews will continue preparation for burnout operations along the northwest quadrant. Additional crews will continue to monitor fire activity along the ridgeline north of Hells Kitchen.

Smith-Morehouse reservoir will continue to be closed to all watercraft as a result of safety concerns during helicopter operations. Ledgefork campground is closed for the remainder of the season and a Forest closure order is in effect for Forest Service roads #030, #909, and #305, Smith-Morehouse Boat Ramp, Mud Lake Flats, the Smith-Morehouse and Erickson Basin Trails, and portions of the trail in the Lakes Country.

Smoke continues to be visible throughout the Kamas Valley. People with respiratory problems should take necessary precautions. For Air Quality information please visit: airnow.gov.

The public is reminded that there is extra foot and vehicular traffic around the Incident Command Post at the Oakley Town Hall as well as transportation routes leading toward the Ledgefork campground. Please use caution if traveling in and around this area.

The Box Canyon fire was determined to be human caused. Although there are currently no leads on the cause of the fire the investigation is continuing. Anyone with information concerning the Box Canyon Fire should call Heber-Kamas Ranger District at 435-654-0470. See <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/46/> for more information.