Bald Mountain Fire Update

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Special Note: This will be the last day for a separate update on the Bald Mountain and Pack Fires. Management of these fires has been combined with that of the Pole Creek Fire, so information on the three fires will be combined in one update.

Weather/Fire Behavior: A Red Flag Warning remains in effect over the Bald Mountain Fire area with minimum humidity in the single digits and southwest winds gusting to 35 mph. Moisture will gradually increase across the fire zone through early next week ahead of an approaching storm system.

A Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory remains in effect for the Northern Great Basin. Warm temperatures, gusting winds, and dry conditions will likely mean active fire behavior.

Current Situation: Crews on the Bald Mountain Fire are working hard to wrap up suppression repair work before rain arrives next week. Repairing the impacts of firefighting is important to minimize erosion.

Islands of previously unburned vegetation within the perimeter of the Bald Mountain Fire continue to ignite in breezy conditions, sending up smoke. However, there has been minimal growth in the fire and containment lines are holding. Firefighters are patrolling to make sure the fire doesn’t spot outside the perimeter.

There has been no growth on the Pack Fire, east of Mona. Aviation resources will continue to drop water on that fire. A contingency line has been put in to protect private property west of the fire.

A Temporary Flight Restriction, or TFR, remains in place over the fire area. Drones are included in this restriction. Information about the TFR can be found on the FAA web page http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html.

With hunting season underway, hunters are reminded that areas closed by fire restrictions are also closed to foot and vehicle access by hunters. Please respect road closures and, for the safety of our firefighters, don’t shoot into closed areas.

Some areas near the fire remain in pre-evacuation status. Information about pre-evacuation status is available from the Utah County Sheriff at http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/Sheriff/Index.asp.

Fire Statistics:
Location: 1 mile from Payson and Elk Ridge, UT
Start Date: August 24, 2018
Size: 18,608 acres
Percent Contained: 76
Total Personnel: 281
Cause: Lightning