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News Release

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Murdock Fire Burning Northeast of Kamas

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Kamas, Utah– Yesterday, the Murdock Fire had some new growth on the northeast portion of the fire. It is now 50% contained at approximately 650 acres. Today, Red Flag (warm, dry and windy) fire conditions are predicted from noon until 6:00 pm on the fire.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT2) will take over management of the Slate and Murdock Fires tomorrow. The transition to the IMT2 is due to the logistics of managing two fires 20 miles apart. With an increase in additional resources, the local Forest will be able to focus on initial attacks on any new fires. The IMT2 will continue to implement the suppression strategy that has been successful so far.

Firefighters will continue the use of management and suppression techniques, which will allow this fire to fulfill its natural role within the high-elevation landscape while minimizing risk to firefighters and the public.

Smoke will continue to be visible from several spots along the Mirror Lake Highway and surrounding areas as the fire creeps through down and dead fuels. Fire fighters have been monitoring this fire with only minimal growth occurring since early September.

Personnel and resources assigned include two engines and 12 persons. Aerial resources, if needed, are available for use on this fire.

A temporary area closure has been implemented beginning at the Murdock Basin road (Forest Service road#137) two miles up from Utah State Highway 150 at the staging area, Forest Service road #137, Forest Service road #027, and ATV Trail #304. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect for this fire. This area is closed for public and firefighter safety.

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