

Slate Fire Burning Northeast of Kamas

September 6, 2018

Kamas, Utah– The Slate Fire was reported on August 23, 2018 and has burned about 30 acres at this time. The Slate Fire, determined as caused by lightning, is located 6 miles northeast of Kamas, 3½ miles north of Highway 150 and is burning in mixed-conifer and aspen forest with significant dead and downed vegetation. There are no values at risk at this time.

Firefighters are using confine and contain suppression techniques, which will allow this fire to fulfill its natural role within the high-elevation landscape, help stimulate and regenerate aspen, while minimizing risk to firefighters and the public.

Fire officials have been regularly assessing the fire from the air for the last several days. Today, a crew will be hiking in to assess the fire from the ground and determine what action should be taken, if any.

Smoke maybe visible from Highway 40 and Highway 150 around the Slate Creek and Yellow Pine area. Please do not report.

Murdock Fire Burning Northeast of Kamas

September 6, 2018

Kamas, Utah– The Murdock Fire was reported on August 28, 2018, and was caused by lightning. It is located 22 miles northeast of Kamas, approximately 3½ miles east of Highway 150. So far about 600 acres have burned and it is 65% completed. The fire is burning between Forest Roads #137 and #027 and is burning in mixed-conifer and aspen forest with significant dead and downed vegetation. There are no values at risk at this time.

- Fire crews used hand firing and aerial ignition techniques early this week to reduce hazardous fuels, help stimulate and regenerate aspen and improve forest health and wildlife habitat.
- Firefighters are using confine and contain 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.
- Personnel and resources assigned include two engines and two 20-person initial attack crews. Total personnel on the fire is 70.

- Smoke may be visible from several spots along the Mirror Lake Highway (UT Highway 150), especially near the Murdock Basin Road and in the Bald Mountain area.

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. This area is closed for public and firefighter safety.

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