



Smoke From Dollar Ridge Fire Reaches Summit County
Residents Who Have Difficulty in Breathing Urged to Stay Indoors

Coalville, UT (July 5, 2018) – Early Thursday morning gusting winds began to push heavy smoke from the Dollar Ridge Fire, burning in Duchesne County, across northeastern Utah and into parts of Summit County. Those who have difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath on bad air quality days should be aware.

“Listen to your body. If you notice a headache or shortness of breath stay indoors and avoid both outdoor activities as well as exercise on days when air quality is poor,” says Phil Bondurant, Summit County Director of Environmental Health.

Residents in the Kamas Valley are seeing the biggest impact of smoke in Summit County. Summit County Fire Warden Bryce Boyer urges citizens to look for a column of smoke before calling Summit County’s non-emergency dispatch line. “If you can see a column of smoke, you know the fire is near,” Boyer says.

While the Dollar Ridge Fire has not crossed into Summit County Boyer says this fire serves as good reminder to protect your home with defensible space.

“Move the furniture off your porches, protect fuel tanks and clean your roof and gutter spaces. This is also a good time to remove branches from tall trees that are within 15 feet of the ground,” says Boyer.

The Dollar Ridge Fire was reported on July 1, 2018 and has since burned 42,000 acres. The fire is 4% contained.

(Images attached show view from I-80 looking south across Coalville towards Kamas Valley)

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About Summit County:

Located in the northeast corner of Utah along the Wasatch Back, Summit County is home to more than 41,000 residents. Created in 1854, Summit County was named for the summits of the mountains, including 39 of the highest mountain peaks in Utah. Six municipalities make up Summit County, including Coalville, Francis, Henefer, Kamas, Oakley and Park City. The county seat is quiet, scenic Coalville, located on the I-80 corridor. For more information visit www.summitcounty.org.

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