

## Wheeler Morning Update ~ September 9, 2015

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**Start:** 9/7/15

**Location:** 1 mile southwest of Deer Creek Reservoir

**Cause:** Human

**Size:** 740 acres

**Fuels:** Grass, sage, juniper and scrub oak

**Observed Fire Behavior:** Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching

**Assigned Resources:** 7 crews (140 crew firefighters), 4 helicopters, 2 heavy air tankers, 4 single engine air tankers, 1 air attack, 4 fire engines, 3 dozers, 6 water tenders, and misc. overhead personnel. Total personnel 230.

**Containment:** 5%

**Evacuations:** None

**Closures:** Forest Road 114 (Cascade Springs drive) closed from its intersection with SR-92 all the way to Cascade Springs, Forest Road 085 (North Fork American Fork River) closed from Wasatch Mountain State Park/Forest Service boundary on the Snake Creek side to its intersection with Cummings Parkway (Forest Road 317), Forest Road 317 closed from its intersection with Forest Road 085 to the Wasatch Mountain State Park Boundary (Cummings Parkway), Forest Road 475 (Little Deer Creek Road) Closed from Forest boundary to Cascade Springs, Cummings Parkway (Wasatch Mountain State Park Jurisdiction) closed from its intersection with FR085 to Cascade Springs, and State Route 92 (State Jurisdiction) closed from Aspen Grove to its intersection with FSR114 (Cascade Springs Drive).

**Fire Situation:** Yesterday, the fire increased 100 acres. Crews were able to secure fire lines around the Canyon Meadows community and put in a hose lay along the Little Deer Creek drainage. Air resources helped support ground crews with retardant drops and bucket drops of water throughout the day until early evening when a drone was spotted by the fire's air attack. The drone was seen flying directly over the top of a fire helicopter. All air operations were immediately halted for the safety of air resources and firefighters. An air tanker had been on final approach to drop a load of retardant on the west side of the fire but had to divert and drop the load in another location away from the fire. Air resources were unable to fly the rest of the evening due to the incident.

Planned actions for today will be to continue to keep the fire north of Canyon Meadows, south of Cascade Springs, west of Little Deer Creek, and East of Long Hollow Ridge. Fire personnel will focus to minimize impacts to critical watershed in the Little Deer Creek. Dozers will continue to build fire line and firefighters will be supported by air resources in all the divisions.

A Northern Utah Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire today.

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