

# News *fire information*

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## Herbs Fire Update

**Summary:** The lightning caused Herbs Fire is burning on Herbs Point, an isolated mesa top located in a remote area of the Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park. The fire is not posing any immediate threats to public or private structures or property. There are no closures or evacuations associated with the fire. Firefighters made good progress yesterday in containing the fire to the mesa top in the park and preventing it from spreading to private lands to the north. They will continue their efforts today and hopefully reach full containment by late this evening or tomorrow. Smoke from the fire is still visible from the Interstate 15 corridor and may be as well over the next few days until it is out. The weather forecast for today is cloudy skies with a chance of rain which will aid firefighters in their control efforts.

**Start Date:** First reported on Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2011 (This probably a holdover from a lightning strike that occurred a few days ago).

**Location:** On Herbs Point, in the Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park. Kolob Canyons is in the northern section of Zion National Park, just east of Interstate 15, approximately 15 miles south of Cedar City, UT.

**Jurisdiction:** National Park Service (Zion National Park)

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fire Size:** 260 acres

**Percent Contained:** 45%

**Fuels:** Oak brush, pinyon-juniper and mixed conifer

**Fire Crews/resources:** 3 helicopters, 1 wildland engines and a 20-person handcrew of firefighters. Additional resources may be called in if needed.

**Closures:** None

**Evacuations:** None

**Structures Threatened:** Nothing immediate, although there are scattered structures located to the north of the fire on adjoining private lands.

**For More Information:** For more information on fire activity in southwestern Utah, the public can call the Color County Fire Information Hotline at 1-866-447-1283. For more information on fires in Utah visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov). For more information on fires across the country, visit [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).