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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, although there are 13 scattered structures located to the north of the fire on adjoining private lands. Firefighters continue to make good progress towards containing the fire using both ground and aerial resources. They have been successful in confining it to the mesa top in the park and preventing it from spreading to private lands to the north. Containment of the western flank of the fire has been difficult though due to lack of access to the area. Smoke from the fire is still visible from the Interstate 15 corridor and may be as well over the next few days until most of the heavier fuels have burned out.

Start Date: First reported on Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2011.

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: 195 acres (reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping)

Percent Contained: 70%

Fuels: Oak brush, pinyon-juniper and mixed conifer

Fire Crews/resources: 1 helicopter and 1 wildland engine. Additional resources may be called in if needed

Closures: Campsite #17 in LaVerkin Creek of Zion NP is closed for visitor safety. No other closures are in effect.

Evacuations: None

Structures Threatened: Nothing immediate, although there are 13 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. For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org.