

News

fire information

Bureau of Land Management AZ Bureau of Land Management UT
Dixie National Forest Zion and Bryce National Parks
Utah, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Bureau of Indian Affairs



For Immediate Release:
September 9, 2011 @ 10 AM
Contact: David Eaker 435-772-7811

Herbs Fire Update

This will be the last update until the fire is 100% contained or unless there is a significant change in fire activity

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. Firefighters made good progress yesterday and full containment is expected by the end of shift on Sunday, September 11. The fire has been producing less smoke over the last few days as the heavy fuels burn out, but it may still be visible from the Interstate 15 corridor and local communities.

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 (no new growth over the last few days)

Percent Contained: 90% (Full containment is expected at end of shift on Sunday, September 11)

Fuels: Oak brush, pinyon-juniper and mixed conifer

Fire Crews/resources: 1 helicopter and 1 wildland engine with associated firefighters.

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.*