

Little Twist Fire Information

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Wildfire Fact Sheet – Little Twist Fire

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Fire personnel were successful in implementing hand ignition operations along the northern perimeter of the fire yesterday. Firefighters will transition to using aerial ignitions today to consume fuels between the handlines and the fire in the Little Twist Drainage in heavy dead and down timber, helping to secure portions of the fire perimeter. This will likely increase the visibility of smoke in the area today. Favorable weather conditions enabled ground resources to continue establishing black line down the Little Twist Trail ridge, where hotshot crews previously constructed indirect handline in difficult terrain and heavy fuels. Crews on the east side of the fire along Circleville Mountain Ridge will continue with preparation for future hand ignitions.

Today's weather is expected to be mostly clear with highs in the mid-80's. Light winds will be out of the west and southwest with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms over the vicinity of the fire. These conditions should be within a suitable range to allow for successful aerial operations on the fire.

On Sunday June 23rd, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) firefighter sustained injuries on the Little Twist fire while engaged in suppression actions. The firefighter was flown to a medical facility via medical air ambulance and is currently hospitalized with severe injuries. The BLM and U.S. Forest Service would like to thank the quick actions of first responders and all the personnel that provided medical care. Agencies have activated a lesson learned review team to review the accident. Our thoughts are with our teammate on their road to healing.

The area closure order will remain in place to provide safety for both firefighters and the public. Smoke will continue to be visible for several weeks from surrounding areas including I-15, I- 70, Hwy-89 and Hwy-20.



Agency: Fishlake National Forest - Beaver Ranger District Incident Type: Wildfire Size: 2,417 acres Containment: 15% Location: 4 miles southeast of Beaver, Utah Terrain: Steep, rugged terrain in remote areas

Personnel Assigned: 305

Closures: Area closure in effect. Please refer to *Area Closure Order Number 0408-24-03* for details.

*Please note: Little Reservoir, Tushar Lakeside and Kents Lake Campgrounds remain open to the public for camping and recreational day use.

