



UTAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE – BALD MOUNTAIN/POLE CREEK FIRES - SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

The Pole Creek and Bald Mountain Fires are still being actively fought in Utah and Juab Counties. Road closures and mandatory evacuation orders are still in place, with no changes. As of early on September 21, 2018, Pole Creek size is 98,642 acres with 32% containment, with 1,248 personnel. Bald Mountain reports 17,999 acres with 12% containment, with 726 personnel. 6,000 people have been evacuated, effecting 2,000 homes. Fire officials say today is again a Red Flag day, with higher winds and low humidity. This website gives more specific information about both fires: inciweb.nwcg.gov This link takes you to the interactive boundary map: arcg.is/0nPLOr

To receive alerts and updates in your area go to this website: alerts.utahcounty.gov. The information to set up an account is easy to follow. Under Utah County, subscribe to Bald Mountain Fire and Pole Creek Fire. Also follow your city Facebook or other social media page, or the Utah County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. You may also follow Sergeant Spencer Cannon's Twitter account @SGTCannonPIO.

The following evacuations and closures are still in place:

- Santaquin Canyon is closed.
- Payson Canyon is closed.
- Nebo Loop Road at SR-132 in Nephi Canyon is closed.
- Right Fork Hobble Creek Canyon is closed.

-MANDATORY EVACUATION STILL IN EFFECT – PLEASE ABIDE BY CLOSURE AND EVACUATION NOTICES:

- US Hwy 89 closure and mandatory evacuation was lifted 9/20/18 and is now PRE-evacuation status. All residents in this area may return to their homes. US Forest Service closures in these areas remain in place and will be enforced.**
- All residents in the Covered Bridge community near the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon.
- All residents living in the cities of Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge.
- Diamond Fork, Sheep Creek, and Right Fork Hobble Creek Canyon.
- For residents in these areas who have urgent need to get to their home (For medications or to remove pets or livestock, for example), access points are set up at 11200 S Woodland Hills Drive for Woodland Hills, and 11200 S Elk Ridge Drive (1600 West) for Elk Ridge. These limited trips must be brief. Access to Covered Bridge may not be available. A Deputy will escort those who have these needs.
- Left Fork Hobble Creek Canyon is under PRE-evacuation notice.

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