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Fire Restrictions Lifted on National Forest Service Lands in Utah

Salt Lake City, August 3- Fire restrictions currently in place on the National Forests in Utah will be lifted at midnight Friday August 3, 2012. Fire restriction on all other federal, state and unincorporated lands in Utah remain in effect.

Fire restrictions are no longer in effect on the National Forests in Utah: Uinta-Wasatch-Cache, Ashley, Fishlake, Dixie, Manti-Lasal. Fire restrictions on adjacent public and private unincorporated lands are still in effect unless otherwise posted.

"We appreciate everyone's assistance in being careful with fires during the recent period of high fire danger. Although fire restrictions are no longer in effect on the National Forests in Utah, we ask everyone to remain cautious and properly extinguish their fires", said Sue Stewart, Director of Fire and Aviation, Forest Service Intermountain Region. "Campfires have to be cold enough to touch before they are left."

The fire restrictions have been in effect on all public lands in the state of Utah since June 14 due to extreme fire danger. In past weeks our higher elevation National Forests have experienced rain and higher relative humidity, reducing the flammability of wildland vegetation. At this time the restrictions on fire are no longer necessary on the National Forests.

For more information on current fire conditions, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov

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