

KANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. E 2022 – 01

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE LEFT FORK FIRE IN KANE COUNTY, UTAH

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2022, a wildland fire started in the north part of Kane County in the Dixie National Forest, 10 miles Southwest of Bryce Canyon City in the Kanab Creek Drainage (“Left Fork Fire”); and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this executive order, the Left Fork Fire has grown to over 3,009 acres, has a 5% containment, at it is unknown at this time when the fire may be contained; and

WHEREAS, a map and report showing the conditions of the Left Fork Fire as of the morning of this declaration are attached as Exhibit A and incorporated as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, this declaration of a local emergency is official recognition that a disaster has occurred or the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent in this area of the county and that the county requires additional assistance to supplement the response and recovery efforts of the county; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this executive order or proclamation is found in Utah Code §53-2a-208 and 209.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ANDREW GANT, CHAIR OF THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION, STATE OF UTAH, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

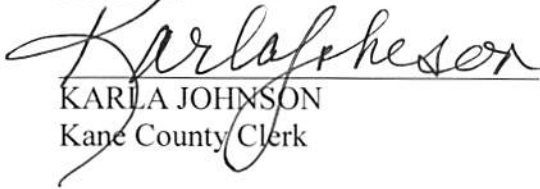
1. A local emergency exists in Kane County, Utah due to the Left Fork Fire.
2. The nature of the local emergency is the potential for property damage, loss of property, potential loss of human life, and other related risks to the health, safety, and welfare of Kane County residents.
3. The area affected or threatened is the entire County but specifically the areas shown on Exhibit A.
4. The response and recovery aspects of all applicable local disaster emergency plans are activated.
5. The furnishing of aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation is authorized.
6. This proclamation shall take effect immediately and is ongoing for a period of thirty (30) days, or until revoked, whichever is earlier. This proclamation may be extended by the Kane County Commission.
7. This proclamation shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this order on this 21st day of June 2022.



Andrew Gant, Chair
Board of Commissioners
Kane County

ATTEST:



KARLA JOHNSON
Kane County Clerk



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Exhibit A

June 21, 2022 Report of the Left Fork Fire

Three Following Pages

UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE

Color Country Interagency Fire Fact Sheet



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Left Fork Fire Incident Update

RELEASE DATE:
June 21, 2022
MEDIA CONTACT:
Sierra Hellstrom
801-940-4935

STATUS	
Start Date: June 18, 2022	Start Time: 1300 hrs
Incident Type: Wildland Fire	Cause: Human
Location: Dixie National Forest, 10 miles SW of Bryce Canyon City in the Kanab Creek drainage	
Size: 3,009 acres	Containment: 5%
Expected Containment: Unknown	Injuries: 0
Structures Threatened: 0	Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0
RESOURCES	
Engines: 12	Water Tenders: 2
Helicopters: 6	SEATs: 4
	Crews: 7
	LATs: 4
Cooperating Agencies: USDA Forest Service, DOI Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah Department of Natural Resources - Division of Fire, Forestry and State Lands, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks and Garfield County Sheriff's Office.	
SITUATION	
Current Situation:	<p>Yesterday's favorable weather conditions and decreased wind provided fire managers an opportunity to assess and map the fire more accurately. With the reduction in fire behavior, minimal growth was observed throughout the operational period. More crews arrived and were inserted around the perimeter.</p> <p>The steep, rugged terrain is not feasible for firefighters to attack the fire directly in many areas. Air attack will continue to be heavily utilized to support crews on the ground, as conditions permit. Dozers are working to create fuel breaks on areas of the fire where appropriate, in conjunction with handline and retardant drops. With the full suppression tactics, fire managers intend to utilize as many natural barriers as possible to gain containment on this fire.</p> <p>An area and Road closure has been put in place by the Dixie National Forest to assure public and firefighter safety. Please see the updated closure here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1036646.pdf</p>
Evacuations:	None
Road Closures:	Kanab Creek Road system, See forest closure: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1036646.pdf