

# **Southern and Western Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team**

## **Tokewanna Fire Update: Saturday, August 6, 2016**

The Tokewanna Fire is now 95% contained after burning 1287 acres of predominately private lands within Uinta County since it was discovered on July 28, 2016. Fire activity yesterday was minimal, mainly creeping and smoldering. Firefighters continued to work on securing the line and addressing hot spots within and along the perimeter of the fire.

Yesterday morning, an enhanced infrared flight was flown over the fire in order to identify existing hot spots so crews will be able to address them more precisely. Firefighters will also continue to grid and address any other areas of concern. There will be Uinta County fire engines patrolling in and around the Tokewanna Estates Subdivision in order to monitor the now quiet area and watch for further hazards. The southern edge of the fire near the Meeks Cabin Dam continues to have the greatest concentration of hot spots at this time.

The public is encouraged to avoid the area of Meeks Cabin Dam as many hazards are still present. In addition to heavy fire traffic along roads, hazard trees, and remaining heat, there is a helibase stationed on the shore of the dam, which poses serious risk for non-fire personnel. The boat ramp has been blocked off in order to keep everyone out of immediate danger. The Tokewanna Incident Command Post has also been relocated to the dam, making for a significant number of people in a small area. Firefighters and crews appreciate your continued respect of their work and camp space.

Although there are no fire restrictions currently in place, in Uinta County and much of southwestern Wyoming grasses and other vegetation are critically dry. Extreme caution is urged when starting and putting out a camp fire on public or private lands.

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## **Tokewanna Fire Update: Sunday, August 7, 2016**

The Tokewanna Fire was 100% contained as of 6 p.m. Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, after burning 1287 acres of predominately private lands within Uinta County. The fire was discovered on July 28, 2016 and over 500 firefighters worked to suppress it. Fire activity is now minimal, and firefighters have continued to secure the line and put out hot spots within the fire.

Yesterday fire crews spent the day searching for and mopping up the remaining hot spots that were identified through an enhanced infrared flight. This mission helped to bring the containment level to 100%. Today crews will continue to address other heat as necessary, and fall any hazard trees that are considered a risk to roadways.

Tomorrow, August 8<sup>th</sup>, the fire will transition to a local Type 4 incident commander at 7:00 a.m. These local resources will patrol until control can be obtained. There is no estimated date of control, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time.

The public is encouraged to avoid the area of Meeks Cabin Dam as many hazards are still present. Fire patrol will continue along roads and in the fire area, and hazard trees pose serious risk to people around them. The Tokewanna Incident Command Post is going to remain stationed at the dam through Monday, so firefighters and crews appreciate your continued respect of their work and camp space.

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Thanks to the successful work of the firefighters and other personnel, this will be the last update on the Tokewanna fire unless there is significant activity.

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