

# News

## *fire information*

Bureau of Land Management AZ  
Dixie National Forest  
Utah, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Bureau of Land Management UT  
Zion and Bryce National Parks  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

---



## NEWS RELEASE

Aug. 11, 2004, 8:30 p.m.

Contact: David Boyd, Fire Information Officer  
(435) 680-0814  
Jodi Hamel, Fire Information Officer  
(435) 680-2745

### Lightning brings new round of fires to southern Utah

**St. George, UTAH** – Wednesday afternoon lightning storms sparked several fires in southern Utah, the biggest being the 2,000-acre Middle Ridge Fire 30 miles northwest of St. George, and the 45-acre Mineral Fire about eight miles east of Zion National Park near Mt. Caramel Junction.

Both fires had burned within ½ mile of unoccupied outbuildings, which continued to be threatened. Both fires are burning in brush, pinyon and junipers.

Firefighters battled erratic winds, temperatures exceeding 100 degrees, and rugged terrain.

The **Middle Ridge Fire** was advancing northeast toward areas recently burned by the Hawkins and Pine Park fires, which will act as fuel breaks. It was about three miles away from these areas Wednesday evening. More than 75 firefighters responded with two single engine air tankers, a heavy air tanker, and five engines. It's burning on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands.

About 20 firefighters, five engines, a single-engine air tanker and a helicopter responded to the **Mineral Fire**, which is also burning on BLM land.

For more information about fires and fire restrictions in southern Utah, call (435) 688-3333 in St. George or (435) 865-4696 in Cedar City. The latest fire information for Utah can be found at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov)

###

