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Press Release

For Immediate Release:

Date: 10-17-16

RE: Hicks Creek Fire

On 10-16-16 at approximately 1620 hours (4:20 PM), a controlled burn on private property appears to have rekindled due to the high winds causing a lot of smoke. The fire was being monitored by the private land owner at that time. The area of the fire is in the area of Hicks Creek which is approximately 3 miles south of Cedar City. On 10-17-16 at approximately at approximately 0105 hours (1:05 AM), the State Fire Warden declared the fire a wildfire.

At approximately 0400 hours (4:00 AM) , the fire had grown and was moving towards homes in the area. Three (3) homes in the area were notified to evacuate. The winds continued throughout the night at 40 mph with gusts of 60 mph. Due to the high winds and the fast movement of the fire, the Cedar Highlands subdivision on Cedar Mountain was put on standby of evacuations..

A type 3 fire incident management team has been called and in on scene as of 0900 hours (9:00 AM). There are 12 fire apparatuses with aircraft ordered for the area. There is approximately 1000 acres burned which includes state lands, BLM lands and private lands.

At this time the cause of the fire is not confirmed to have started on private land but is suspected of starting there. Fire investigators will be confirming this later.

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