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Brian Head Fire Fact Sheet

Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Start Date and Time:	June 17, 2017, at approximately Noon
Duration:	Uncontained for 42 days (6 weeks)
Contained:	July 28, 2017
Land Status:	Private unincorporated Iron County
Fire Cause:	Debris burning—subject ignited a pile of woody debris, which escaped his control.
Violation of Law:	Yes, subject was charged with <u>Failure to obtain a burn permit</u> , a Class B misdemeanor, and <u>Reckless burning</u> , a Class A misdemeanor. Civil action by the county, state and federal agencies to collect fire suppression costs is pending.
Estimated Cost: (as of January 2018)	\$38 million (suppression only), making it the most expensive fire in Utah’s history.
Cost-Share:	A cost-share agreement was implemented between the State and federal land management agencies (USFS & BLM). Utah’s portion of the total costs is approximately \$11.6 million.
FEMA – Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG)	The State of Utah applied for and received an FMAG that <u>may</u> pay up to 75% of eligible fire suppression costs on private lands according to criteria established by FEMA.



Total Acres Burned:

Jurisdiction	Acres Burned	Percentage of Total
Dixie National Forest	63,668	88.83%
Brian Head Town	242	0.34%
Garfield County (pvt land)	348	0.49%
Iron County (pvt land)	5798	8.09%
BLM	790	1.10%
State of Utah	829	1.16%
Totals	71,675	100%

The Brian Head Fire was the fourth largest fire in acres burned in Utah’s history.

Structures Threatened: 1,506

Structures Lost: 13 dwellings and 13 outbuildings

Evacuations: 1,562 persons

Staffing: 1831 assigned personnel at peak of incident from all over the U.S.

Firefighter Injuries: 28, though no major injuries reported

Incident Management Teams: Color Country IMT (Type III) Shawn Peterson

Great Basin IMT #4 (Type II) Tim Roide

Great Basin IMT #2 (Type I) Kim Martin

Great Basin IMT #7 (Type II) Tony DeMasters

Post-Fire Rehabilitation Costs: ~\$2 million (State costs only; does not include federal, county, municipal or private costs)

One fatality occurred during the rehabilitation work.