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State and Federal Officials Encourage Caution with Fire/Fireworks

Salt Lake City – While firefighters have experienced a relatively slow start to the wildfire season, vegetation is now drying out along the foothills and desert areas across the state. Fire officials warn that although vegetation looks green and lush, the moisture content in grass and shrubs is relatively low.

Due to a long spring and milder fire season last year, there is already a heavy layer of dead, dry grass ready to burn. With the drying grass from this spring forming a double layer, the areas where fires typically start are loaded with “fine fuels”.

Fire season has begun; in fact several wildfires have occurred already this year. While firefighters have caught these fires early, homes and other property have been burned. Officials issue the caution: One spark from a campfire, fireworks or piece of equipment could touch off a destructive and expensive wildfire.

State Forester, Dick Buehler advises caution saying, “human-caused fires are preventable. We can still have a good time celebrating and camping out, but common sense has to be our guide”.

Fireworks continue to be a major cause of wildfires; here are a few guidelines to keep celebrations safe:

- Use only legal fireworks
- Don't light fireworks near grass or other vegetation
- Discard expended fireworks in a bucket of water
- Use fireworks only as intended. DO NOT try to modify them
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a designated person light fireworks

Fireworks are NOT allowed on public lands. This includes Forest Service, BLM, National Parks and State Land. Additionally, some restrictions are now in place along portions of Southern Utah's riverways. While statewide restrictions are unlikely, fire managers are keeping a close eye on weather trends and fuel conditions.

For more information on wildfire conditions, restrictions and prevention, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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