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PRESS RELEASE
COMPLAINT FILED TO RECOVER DAMAGES
ARISING FROM JUNE 2002 PRICE CANYON FIRE

SALT LAKE CITY – The U.S. Attorney’s Office filed a civil complaint today in federal court seeking to recover damages arising from a fire in Price Canyon that burned approximately 3,200 acres in late June and early July 2002. Defendants in the action are Union Pacific Railroad Company and MotivePower, Inc., both Delaware Corporations, and Utah Railway Company, a Utah corporation.

According to the complaint, the fire resulted from the catastrophic failure of a turbo charger on a Utah Railway helper engine that was assisting a Union Pacific train through Price Canyon. MotivePower was responsible for the installation and maintenance of the turbo charger.

The United States is seeking to recover \$653,364.91, which includes the cost of fighting the fire and rehabilitating federal land damaged by the fire. The United States also seeks interest, penalties, and other court costs.

"In light of the upcoming deadline for asserting its claims, the United States has filed this complaint to preserve its rights against those who may have legal responsibility for the fire damage. Public funds are used to fight these fires and rehabilitate public land damaged by the fires. It is important

to recover these costs from those responsible for starting the fire,” U.S. Attorney for Utah Brett L. Tolman said today.

A copy of the complaint is attached.

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