

Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Halfway Hill Fire Update

Saturday, July 23, 2022

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8215/>

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
7/8/22	Human	11,728	70%	6	16	8	2	408

Today is the final shift for Great Basin Team 4 on the Halfway Hill Fire. Team members will travel to their homes in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Wyoming. On behalf of the whole team and all resources assigned to the Halfway Hill Fire, thank you for your support during our assignment.

The fire camp located at the arena in Fillmore will continue to be used for the incoming Type 3 Team. They will downsize the camp to support the number of firefighters that will remain. Several resources will leave the fire today, leaving a sufficient number of personnel and equipment in place to monitor the fire and take action as necessary. This includes two helicopters that will be able to provide reconnaissance flights and carry people, supplies, or buckets of water as needed to locations on the fire.

Yesterday, very hot, dry conditions coupled with increased wind gusts led to an increase in fire activity. Smoke was visible from Fillmore. However, the most active fire was occurring well within the existing fire perimeter. The increased fire activity adjacent to existing containment line along the Horse Hollow Ridge was actually beneficial because it improved the viability of the indirect line firefighters had built several days ago. Attempts over the past few days to backburn along that fireline, creating a sufficient buffer through the removal of vegetation either by hand, equipment, or fire, had seen mixed success. Higher humidity and even a modicum of precipitation were enough to dampen fuels and inhibit burning until yesterday's conditions warmed back up.

Closure: The Halfway Hill Fire closure order is still in place but will be continuously reevaluated by the jurisdictional agencies involved with the fire. The closure order, including a full description of the trails, roads, and areas closed, along with maps are available at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/8215/>.

Fire Restrictions: Please note that fire restrictions have been imposed on multiple jurisdictions – including state, local, and federal lands – in many areas throughout Utah. Find statewide fire restriction information at <https://utahfireinfo.gov/>.

If you are venturing out this holiday weekend, please check fire conditions, closures, and restrictions for the area you plan to visit.