

CENTRAL UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE



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Thompson Ridge Fire Incident Update

RELEASE DATE:

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STATUS

Start Date: August 4, 2023	Incident Type: Wildfire
Size: 7,289 acres	Cause: Lightning
Containment: 0%	Location: 10 miles southeast of Beaver, Utah
Terrain: Steep, rugged terrain in remote areas transitioning to rolling pinyon juniper hills	Structures Threatened: None

RESOURCES

Engines: 11	Water Tenders: 2	Crews: 9
Helicopters: 6	Dozers: 3	Total Personnel: 344

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>Due to the scouting work that was completed the last few days, firefighters were able to identify areas to safely engage in suppression tactics around the fire perimeter.</p> <p>Near the northwest edge of the fire, firefighters will begin building indirect line in the South Creek drainage today. Crews continue improving line where the fire burned into the footprint of the old Pole Creek Fire. Firefighters along the southeast edge of the fire will continue building and maintaining line westward from Birch Creek Campground. Two hot shot crews have been inserted along the southern perimeter of the fire and will begin implementing suppression tactics along that edge. Throughout the fire area, helicopters will support firefighters on the ground with bucket drops.</p> <p>Monsoonal moisture continued to assist firefighting operations yesterday, with about 0.1" to as much as 0.25" rain in parts of the fire area. Today there will be a new weather system moving in from the southeast, bringing winds from the east. Cooler, damper conditions will remain, but winds may increase fire activity when wind direction and terrain align.</p> <p>Great Basin Team 5 will be hosting community meetings in Junction and Beaver this week. The Junction meeting will be at the fire house at 6 p.m. on Monday, 8/14. The meeting in Beaver will be at the City Center at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 8/15. Both meetings will be streamed on the Fishlake National Forest Facebook page for those who are unable to attend in-person.</p>
Evacuations:	None
Closures:	Please refer to closure order. Please note that SR-153, Kent's Lake Road (137), Upper and Lower Kent's Lake, Little Res. Campground, Anderson Meadow, and LeBaron remain open at this time. Use caution in and around these areas, as you will see an influx of both ground and aviation equipment working to suppress the fire.