

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: 7,253 acres	Cause: Lightning
Containment: 60%	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: 12	Water Tenders: 1	Crews: 7
Helicopters: 5	Dozers: 1	Total Personnel: 398

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>With a few days of strong work through difficult conditions, the firefighters on the Thompson Ridge Fire have achieved 60% containment.</p> <p>Moderate and sporadic rain continues to fall. During the day, before the storms impacted the area, crews were able to seek out remaining heat sources around much of the perimeter. The Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) assisted firefighters in this process by identifying the heat sources so crews could mop up any hot spots that threatened the line. The UAS was then released after recon flights were completed to detect these heat signatures.</p> <p>With the current weather, increased fuel moisture, and high humidity, there is little threat to the fire perimeter. Firefighters will continue to work the remaining uncontained portions of the fire's edge and monitor and patrol the fire area. Potential for growth is low, but fire managers want to ensure as much containment as possible during this period of moderate fire behavior.</p> <p>As storms continue to impact the area, firefighters are pulled from the fireline as needed to avoid any injury and minimize danger. The predicted rain will continue to impact suppression efforts, as it creates unsafe conditions to work in. Firefighter safety remains the number one priority.</p>
Evacuations:	None
Closures:	Please refer to closure order. Note 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 these areas, with the influx of ground and aviation equipment working in the area.