

UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE

Color Country Interagency Fire Fact Sheet



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Graff Point Fire Update

Cedar City, Utah -

Suppression efforts on the Graff Point Fire are yielding positive results, with crews making significant progress in constructing handlines. Current activities include mopping up and cold trailing to ensure the fire remains within its established perimeter. Cold trailing involves firefighters carefully inspecting the burned area to ensure no hot spots or embers remain, often using their hands to feel for heat. Mopping up is the process of extinguishing remaining hot spots, turning over smoldering debris, and thoroughly stirring and sometimes wetting down the area. Although some occasional torching was observed, the fire has stayed within yesterday's footprint. Night operations were conducted last night and will continue.

Despite recent precipitation, the fuels remain dry, resulting in some interior creeping and torching. Aircraft are being utilized as needed, specifically on the south side where the terrain is steep, to provide water drops in areas difficult to access by firefighters on the ground. The chance of isolated thunderstorms is expected to develop today, and temperatures will be in the mid-80's.

A community meeting will be held today, July 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Graff Point Fire community meeting will be hosted in person at:

Heritage Center Theatre
105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

There will also be a virtual Zoom option available:

<https://tinyurl.com/GraffPointFireInfo>

For information regarding evacuations, please contact the Iron County Sheriff. We kindly ask that you respect these measures and avoid the area. For more information, please visit:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ututs-graff-point-fire> or utahfireinfo.gov