



# SILVER KING FIRE INFORMATION

July 29, 2024

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Agency: Fishlake National Forest – Beaver Ranger District

Location: Approximately three miles west of Marysvale, Utah

Start Date: July 05, 2024

Cause: Lightning

Acres: 18,222

Containment/Completion: 89%

Personnel: 179

## **\*\*RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY\*\***

The National Weather Service has extended the Red Flag Warning again for the Silver King Fire and surrounding areas until 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Temperatures in the mid-80s, humidity as low as 6%, and winds over 25 mph may cause existing fires or new fires to spread rapidly.

During Red Flag conditions residents should avoid using machinery that can create sparks and ensure that trailer chains do not drag. Do not drop cigarettes or matches on the ground. Avoid recreational target shooting in dry grass. Follow Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that prohibit open fires of any kind except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds and picnic areas. Give firefighters room to work and abide by the Silver King Fire Forest Closure Order (see closure details at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/fishlake/alerts-notice>).

The smoke and activity seen on Sunday was due to unburned fuel in the interior of the fire. This was monitored by aircraft and was determined to be no threat to any containment lines. On the north side of the fire, crews are patrolling and extinguishing hotspots. On the east side, the heavy equipment has completed dozer line repair and will continue that work on the north side of the fire. On the south side, firefighters continue to hold and improve on their confinement strategy.

What is Fire Containment vs. Confinement? These two strategies for controlling a fire allow firefighters to select an appropriate method without adding undue risk. When a fire burns into natural barriers such as cliffs and steep terrain, it's often better to use a confinement strategy and not put firefighters in harm's way. Containment is used when the fire's edge is accessible and can be checked by firefighters, ensuring the edge has no heat remaining. A contained fire is one that will remain its current size under expected weather conditions. A confined fire may grow slightly until winter weather arrives, but it is not at risk of escaping.



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