



# Speirs Fire

July 18, 2024 Update



Fire Size:

759 acres

Containment:

3%

Resources:

Helicopters 3

Type 2 IA Hand Crews: 3

Total Personnel 283

Location:

Approximately three miles south of the town of Dutch John, Utah and south of Flaming Gorge Reservoir

Started:

July 13, 2024

Cause:

Naturally-Caused,  
Lightning

Management:

Great Basin Complex  
Incident Management Team 3

For more information:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utasf-speirs-fire>

Visit us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AshleyNationalForest>

Call the information line:

435-709-8209 (8am – 8pm)

Recent increasing moisture trends throughout the fire area have led to a decrease in visible fire activity over the last few days. A mixture of direct and indirect line has been established along the heel of the fire. Direct line is the removal of burnable material along the blackened edge of the fire to ensure the fire is unable to continue burning through the area. In regions where firefighters are unable to directly engage the fire, indirect line is being constructed. Crews were able to begin engaging in “mop-up” procedures around sections of line that have been marked as secured. Mop-up is the act of walking sections of burned ground and extinguishing remaining heat sources.

As crews continue to work towards the containment of the Speirs fire, two “Spike Camps” have been established to decrease the duration of travel that crews experience while reaching the fire. Additional resources have been ordered to assist in the fire control effort.

An increase of showers entering the fire area has been forecasted to start around 12:00 PM and will likely continue through the end of the day. Thunder and lightning have been predicted around the fire area. Thunderstorms are often accompanied by strong and erratic winds that have potential to stimulate dormant hotspots. This can lead to unexpected and rapid growth of the fire.

In conjunction with the fire suppression effort, the primary goal of the team is to focus on firefighter and public safety. Incident Commander Brett Waters emphasized the mitigation of risks that firefighters take while working in challenging terrain and focused on the need to ensure firefighter safety. Waters said, “Let’s make sure we are making steady progress, while being safe, and doing the right thing.”

Closures:

Being on or within the following campgrounds, roads, and trails are prohibited on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District on the Ashley National Forest: Firefighters Memorial Campground, Greendale Group Campsite, Forest Service Road (FSR) 610, FSR 689, Lowline trail FST103 its junction with the Pipe Creek Trail, FST 003. Forest Service Trail 003 from the beginning at the junction with FST 103 to the junction of Forest Service Trail 004 and Forest Service Trail 004 to Greens Draw Road 049. For more information on existing closures, please visit the Ashley National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/ashley/alerts-notice>

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area remains open to the public for recreational opportunities.

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): A TFR is in effect over the Speirs Fire area. Using uncrewed aerial systems (UAS)/drones is illegal within the TFR.