



# SPEIRS FIRE

July 22, 2024 Update



Fire Size:  
764 acres

Containment:  
40%

Resources:  
Helicopters: 4  
Type 2 IA Hand Crews: 5  
Type 1 Hand Crews: 3  
Total Personnel: 431

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:  
[inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utasf-speirs-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utasf-speirs-fire)

Visit us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/AshleyNationalForest](https://www.facebook.com/AshleyNationalForest)

Call the information line:  
**435-709-8209** (6AM – 10PM)

Crews on the ground continue to make steady quality progress controlling the Speirs Fire. Yesterday was warm and clear, with light winds coming from the north. These conditions allowed crews to initiate previously planned burning operations, producing more smoke than in previous days. Burn-out operations will contribute to a stronger containment line and increase firefighter safety. Incident Commander Brett Waters stressed the importance of planning for the future, "It is my expectation that we work slow and steady through containment and mop up to ensure the Ashley National Forest is set up for success in the long-term management of this fire." Crews have made significant progress in containing the fire while prioritizing the health and safety of firefighters and the public.

Today's operational plans include using tactics similar to those employed in the past few days, aggressively suppressing the fire, using mostly direct containment line construction. Crews are further fortifying existing containment lines by expanding fuel breaks and using water to mop up heat sources near the fire's edge. If burning operations resume, the increased smoke will again be visible this afternoon. Increasingly warm temperatures and dry conditions are expected to increase fire behavior.

**For more information, please visit our Facebook page, Inciweb site, or contact us on the fire information line at 435-709-8209 which is staffed 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM**

#### 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 TF