



SILVER KING FIRE INFORMATION

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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: 12,821

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 500

Fire behavior was not as active during last night's operations, giving firefighters more opportunities to contain and confine the fire, slowing fire spread near the Cottonwood drainage to the south. Firefighters continue to suppress the fire in extreme heat today, constructing indirect handlines and improving dozer lines along the eastern edge to protect Marysvale and other communities. They are scouting and performing structure protection near Elk Ranch on the northeast side of the fire.

The crews on the ground are supported by helicopters and an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone, as well as aircraft called "Scoopers". Water Scoopers are amphibious aircraft that skim the surface of a water body and scoop water into an onboard tank and then drop it on a fire. Firefighters also utilize a strategy called "point protection" which protects specific assets or highly valued resources from the wildfire using pumps, hoselays, and sprinklers.

Fire managers with the Great Basin Incident Management Team 2 and cooperating agencies are carefully weighing risk versus gain in all strategies and tactics, keeping the lives and safety of the public, firefighters and aviators as the highest priority. Crews are working across the Bullion Canyon area to protect values at risk, including essential watersheds and water systems, private homes and property, critical infrastructure such as power transmission lines, historic mining districts, and other natural resources.

The weather continues to be extremely hot and dry with another Red Flag Warning today. This means critical fire weather conditions are likely to occur, and any new fire starts or existing fires may spread rapidly. Temperatures will be excessively hot and relative humidities will be between 8-13% across all elevations.

Smoke is impacting the Town of Marysvale and surrounding communities to the south, including Circleville and Panguitch. Fire managers have brought in an Air Resource Advisor to deploy smoke monitors in areas of concern.

The Fishlake National Forest has issued a closure order that can be found here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/fishlake/alerts-notice>. The Castle Rock Campground remains open.



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