

SILVER KING FIRE INFORMATION

July 12, 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: 15,548 Containment: 2% Personnel: 562

Yesterday, gusty and erratic winds from local storm cells caused numerous spot fires along all containment lines that were caught early after they ignited. Firefighters performed firing operations across a large portion of the eastern perimeter to meet the main part of the fire. This involved cutting away vegetation to make a line of bare soil ahead of a fire, and then burn in vegetation between that line and the actively burning fire front. Crews deployed hoselines to hold that perimeter and began mopping up. This success has lead to Fire Operations declaring portions of that line into the containment category.

Crews secured handlines and dozer lines from the 113 Road to Sargent Mountain to prevent northern and western fire progression and reduce impacts to private property and the historic Silver King Mine area. Crews will shift towards line construction on the northern part of the fire. Firefighters made entry into the Miners Park and found two structures had burned, along with the Bully Boy Mill.

The Incident Meteorologist (IMET) predicts increasing moisture into the weekend, however atmospheric instability could bring lightning and erratic winds. Gusts up to 30 miles per hour are possible today and can push the fire in any direction. Higher relative humidity overnight gives a better chance of overnight moisture recovery, making fuels less receptive to burning in the early part of the day. The IMET indicated a 3% chance of rain up to ½" on Saturday. Smoke is continuing to impact surrounding communities, but with prevailing winds changing to the South, the communities of Richfield and Salina may be impacted.

The Fishlake National Forest has issued a closure order that can be found here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/fishlake/alerts-notices. The Castle Rock Campground remains open. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on the Fishlake National Forest are beginning Friday, July 12, 2024, at 12:01 a.m.

Stage 1 restrictions limit where fires are allowed and what type of fires visitors can have in those places. For additional information on fire restrictions and wildfires in the state of Utah, visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or follow X (formerly known as Twitter) @UtahWildfire.

There will be a community meeting on Saturday, July 13, at the Latter Day Saints Church in Marysvale at 6 p.m.

