



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: 17,648
Containment/Completion: 18%
Personnel: 646

Firefighting efforts continue in the northeast, holding the fire at Deer Creek. A hotshot crew accessed the steep, hazardous drainage using UTVs and is going direct on the fire's edge where they can safely engage. A second hotshot crew will be working between Indian Hollow and Deer Creek drainage to secure the northeast corner of the fire. The fire's edge from Beaver Creek to Bullion Canyon is contained and firefighters are mopping up, as well as monitoring and patrolling the line. Crews have cleared hazardous trees along Bullion Canyon Road, south to Mt. Edna, allowing for safe ingress and egress. Night operations are still in effect with eastern focus on Bullion Canyon to protect the Marysvale watershed and Miners Park historic area. The high rocky basins of the Tusher Mountains are a natural barrier to fire spread because there are very few opportunities for fire to progress.

Fire officials develop a strategy for managing every wildland fire that can include full suppression, confinement, point protection, or monitoring. Typically, a combination of strategies is used on any given fire. The Silver King Fire is being managed using full suppression and containment strategies to the north, east and south, containment and confinement along most of the western perimeter, and the protection of values at risk throughout the fire area.

When a combination of strategies is used, containment isn't always the most accurate measure for work that has been done. In these situations, completion, measured as percentage of objectives completed, is used to more accurately describe the amount of work that has been accomplished. This changes the containment percentage to completion percentage.

The chance of flash flooding is low due to the lack of moisture and only a tenth of an inch of rain was measured on the east side of the fire. Temperatures are in the mid-80s over the lower elevations of the fire, and low relative humidities are around 19-24 percent. The chance for wetting rains remains low at less than 15 percent.

Air quality for most areas around the fire has improved. For more smoke information go to <https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks>.

The Fishlake National Forest has issued a Forest Closure Order and Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/fishlake/alerts-notice>. The Castle Rock Campground remains open to the public.



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