

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: 17,750 Containment/Completion: 20% Personnel: 647

The fire perimeter has not grown significantly over the last several days, so the fire footprint has not significantly changed. On Tuesday five Hot Shot crews were strategically assigned to engage the fire in the steep and difficult terrain in the Deer Creek drainage, today there will be four crews to continue the effort. Good progress has been made securing the line on the fire's edge from Beaver Creek to Bullion Canyon, firefighters continue to mop up, as well as monitor and patrol the line. To allow for public access on forest service roads after the fire, hazardous trees are being removed and the roads graded.

Night operations continue in the Bullion Canyon area to protect the Marysvale watershed and Miners Park historic area. The natural barriers on the west and southwest sides continue to minimize fire spread.

Firefighter safety is the number one priority on the Silver King Fire, and all fire incidents. Late afternoon thunder storms, producing lightning and strong erratic winds result in safety watchout situations for firefighters. Several times during this incident, resources have been removed from the line to help ensure their safety. Despite these challenges, no injuries have been reported, and firelines continue to hold.

Monsoonal moisture remains in the area which will result in continued chance of afternoon thunderstorms for the next few days. Wind speeds should be less than what has been experienced during the last few days. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-80s over the lower elevations of the fire, and low relative humidities are around 17-25 percent.

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

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



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