



# Yellow Lake Fire

## Incident Update October 13, 2024



**Size at time of update:** 29,730  
**Containment:** 23%  
**Personnel:** 848

**Start:** Saturday, September 28, 2024  
**Cause:** Undetermined  
**Location:** 10 miles southeast of Francis, Utah

A public meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon at the Kamas Middle School Auditorium to present Yellow Lake Fire information and to address questions from the community. It will be live streamed on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests' Facebook pages.

On Saturday, winds from the South pushed the northern boundary of the Yellow Lake Fire across Soapstone Basin towards Iron Mine Road. Night operations reported a few "glows" of heat but, nothing substantial.

Fire operations near Iron Mine Road are strategically focusing on primary and secondary lines to keep the fire from impacting the use of Mirror Lake Highway, SR 150. Weather conditions are expected to generate similar fire behavior this afternoon with predicted winds from the South and Southeast.

Fire activity on the east side has stalled, continuing to creep around at higher elevations near Lightning Ridge. Structure protection remains in place, where needed, over the entire fire area.

On the southern flank of the fire, dozer work and handlines are being used to provide extra buffers between Rhodes Canyon and Wolf Creek Pass, SR 35. Indirect line is being used to tie in sections of the fire line near the West Fork of the Duchesne. Hazard trees in the area prevent safe construction of direct line. Completed hand lines and hose lays in the Heart Lake area, remain intact. Chippers will be used today to remove fuels and to clean up the fire perimeter near the Mill Hollow Guard Station.

Fuel types, terrain, and weather patterns are the driving forces behind fire behavior. Operational tactics are adapted accordingly as conditions change. Cloud cover on ridges this afternoon could produce minimal precipitation, but fire crews are also alerted to potential downdraft winds that may result as well. Some firefighting crews and resources are timing out, additional crews and equipment are coming in to maintain operational momentum.

A public meeting will be held in Tabiona at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the old high school gymnasium.

### Forest Closures:

- Updated October 11, 2024, a closure has been increased on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest due to the Yellow Lake Fire. This Order shall remain in effect until October 31, 2024, unless rescinded.  
[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208350.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208350.pdf)
- Updated October 11, 2024, a closure has been increased on the Ashley National Forest due to the Yellow Lake Fire. This closure will remain in place through December 31, 2024, or until rescinded, for public safety.

**Evacuation Areas:** The North and West Forks of the Duchesne River, and Granddaddy Lakes area are under a mandatory GO evacuation meaning all residents, hunters, and recreationists must leave and stay out of the area. Hanna is under a SET order, advising residents to have bags packed and be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

For updated evacuation zones, please visit:

- <https://emergency-management-operations-wasatch.hub.arcgis.com/>
- <https://tricountyemergencyalert.genasys.com/portal/en>
- [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208878.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208878.pdf)



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