



Yellow Lake Fire

Incident Update October 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m.



Size at time of update: 33,038 Acres
Containment: 30%
Personnel: 433

Start: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Cause: Human Caused (Under Investigation)
Location: 10 miles southeast of Francis, Utah

Wasatch and Duchesne County evacuation orders were lifted at 9:00 a.m. - Forest closures remain in effect.

Personnel numbers on the Yellow Lake Fire continue to decline as operations ramp down. Six days ago, 889 personnel were on the fire – today there are 433.

Rain and snow fell yesterday with up to 1.23 inches of precipitation recorded. However, fire managers say there is still some heat out there. Aircraft, equipped with infrared technology, flew the fire area last night and detected isolated heat sources on the north side. Hot spots were also picked up along the North Fork of Duchesne, as well as a few in the “donut hole” in the middle of the fire perimeter.

As the weather warms today, smoke from smoldering heavy fuels, duff and leaf litter could show up. An isolated snag torching would not be unexpected. However, fire movement is not expected.

Fire suppression has transitioned to repair of dozer lines, pump and hose removal, and hydrological improvements such as water bars.

A Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team will be coming next week to assess damage and recommend ways to mitigate changes to the landscape. Suppression repair is important for water quality, especially within adjacent watersheds. Meanwhile, fire crews are working with local Forest Service Resource Advisors to address immediate repair needs.

A community meeting will be held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the South Summit Middle School Auditorium in Kamas to discuss fire suppression, rehabilitation and what’s next.

Forest Closures:

- Updated October 18, 2024, the Yellow Lake Fire closure area has been reduced on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This Order shall remain in effect until November 25, 2024, unless rescinded.
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208350.pdf
- Updated October 18, 2024, the Yellow Lake Fire closure area has been reduced on the Ashley National Forest. This closure will remain in place through December 31, 2024, or until rescinded.

For updated evacuation zones, please visit:

- <https://emergency-management-operations-wasatch.hub.arcgis.com/>
- <https://tricityemergencyalert.genasys.com/portal/en>
- https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1208878.pdf



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