



Yellow Lake Fire

Incident Update - October 28, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.



Size at time of update: 33,041 Acres
Containment: 66%
Personnel: 234

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

The Northern Utah Type 3 Team would like to thank the communities for their attendance at last night's Trunk or Treat with the Firefighters. The turnout was phenomenal, and it was a wonderful boost to the crew's morale to give back to the community after this lengthy fire season. A great reminder of why we do what we do.

A snowstorm is predicted to begin this evening. Therefore, fire managers are pulling all the heavy equipment and property off the fire, for safety reasons. Crews will be working throughout shift today, and stay off the fire tonight through Wed, when it is safe to reengage.

The fire is currently at 66% containment. A large portion of this uncontained perimeter is the center unburned circle, or the "Donut Hole". Due to the difficult terrain and with the incoming storm, much of this area will remain uncontained as it does not threaten any growth to the perimeter. This storm and the one predicted this weekend will reduce most of the remaining heat on the fire. Reminder that smoke will continue to be visible. Please do not report.

Tomorrow morning the Northern Utah Type 3 Incident Management Team will transition back to the local unit. The Type 4 team taking over the fire are local resources that have been working the fire, and are familiar with the terrain, uncontained perimeter, and safety hazards. There will be firefighters working this fire until full containment. As noted previously, this will likely take multiple heavy snowstorms to reach. Or what firefighters call a "season-ending event" to essentially bury and cool the remaining heat.

The fire has still been active, throughout shift yesterday. The fire is not out, and there is still a significant amount of heat. Continued fire activity, along with fire weakened trees, and hot ash pits, are some of the reasons the forest closures remain in effect. This closure will continue to be evaluated as containment is reached and conditions change,

To request a permit to access property within the forest closures to retrieve items or winterize buildings, please contact the local Heber-Kamas Ranger District: [\(435\) 783-4338](tel:4357834338).

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/alerts/uwcnf/alerts-notice>
- Updated October 19, 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. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/ashley/alerts-notice>


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