

## **Forsyth Fire Update**

Tuesday June 24, 2025

## Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander

Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 8,229nacres Containment: 0% Total Personnel: 509

Location: Pine Valley, Utah Reported: June 19, 2025

Cause: Lightning

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**Special Notes:** If you fly, we can't. Unauthorized drone flights pose serious risks to firefighter and public safety and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations. The team continues to coordinate closely with Dixie National Forest, State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and local cooperators to ensure incident objectives are met and values at risk are protected, all while prioritizing firefighter and public safety. As of today, no additional structure losses have been reported.

**Current Situation:** Yesterday, firefighters rappelled from helicopters into areas along the prominent ridgeline near the old burn scar on the southwest edge of the fire to secure the fire's edge. Today crews will continue on the southwest ridgeline and begin working in Lloyd Canyon to dig hand line and lay water hoses to provide adequate protection to structures in the area. Crews continue mopping up and extinguishing hotspots near structures, eliminating heat 100 feet or more into the burned area. From the valley floor up toward Water Canyon, firefighters have connected handline and dozer line along the western portion of the fire. Resources are also working to protect Pine Valley Recreation Area campgrounds, laying hose lines and reducing fire activity. The fire is burning within the Pine Valley Wilderness Area. In designated Wilderness, firefighters minimize impacts from equipment use to protect values at risk when constructing containment lines.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Today winds will continue coming from the southwest at speeds of 15–20 mph. As the week progresses, we will see an overall drying trend, raising the potential for critical fire weather as the weekend approaches, with potential red flag warnings Thursday and Friday. Sloped terrain, unseasonably dry fuels, low humidity, and strong winds continue to drive fire growth on the east side of the fire.

**Evacuations and Closures:** The communities of Pine Valley and Grass Valley are still under a "Go" evacuation order, these help to keep the public safe and allow suppression resources to work unobstructed. The Pinto area is at a "Set" level evacuation order, residents should be prepared to evacuate if the fire progresses further to the northwest. If you have questions regarding the status of your property, please reach out to the Washington County Sheriff via the non-emergency dispatch line at (435) 634-5730. A Forest Closure Order has been issued for the Pine Valley Ranger District, information and maps can be found at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/v9xfm2cz">https://tinyurl.com/v9xfm2cz</a>.