

Forsyth Fire Update

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander

Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 11,642 acres Containment: 22% Total Personnel: 687

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

Cause: Lightning

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Special Notes: As of today, the Forsyth Fire has reached 22% containment. The Incident Management Team continues to coordinate closely with the Dixie National Forest, State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Bureau of Land Management and local cooperators to meet the needs of the changing fire conditions.

Current Situation: Additional containment was gained south and west of the Pine Valley community. Containment was also gained northeast of Pine Valley up toward the Gardner Peak Trail, and from Water Canyon to the northern point on the fire. The western portion of the Pine Valley Recreation Area has also been contained. Hand crews continue to work the fire's edge south of Pine Valley along the Saddle Fire scar, and west of Forsyth Creek from the southwest corner. Additional aviation resources arrived yesterday. They have been supporting suppression efforts as well as the delivery of resources and supplies to remote areas of the fire.

The eastern flank of the fire is burning in the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness. In the Wilderness area, team overhead and crew supervisors continue to identify areas where the fire can be held at natural barriers such as meadows and rocky outcrops where fuels are not as continuous. While steep, rugged terrain and safety concerns are a challenge, the Forsyth Fire remains a values-based full suppression effort.

Operations staff are developing plans and contingency actions to protect the values at risk on the east side of the Pine Valley Mountains, which includes assessment of potential control lines where crews can safely engage the fire.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Temperatures will reach the mid 80's today within Pine Valley. Strong southwest winds are expected today, with gusts up to 20mph, aligning with the slopes leading to increased fire behavior. Storms are expected early next week, likely accompanied by gusty winds, dry lightning and only a slight chance of wetting rains.

Evacuations and Closures: Starting today, June 28th, Stage 1 fire restrictions will go into effect for all lands in Washington, Iron and the surrounding Counties, for more information visit Utahfireinfo.gov. The communities of Pine Valley, Grass Valley and Gray's Ranch are in a "Set" level evacuation order. Pinto is in "Ready" status. For the most up-to-date evacuation status, visit the *News* section of the Washington County website. If you have questions regarding evacuation status, please reach out to the Washington County Sheriff via the non-emergency dispatch line at (435) 634-5730. A Forest Closure Order is in place for the Pine Valley Ranger District, information and maps can be found under *Alerts and Fire Danger Status* on the Dixie National Forest website.