

## **Forsyth Fire Update**

Sunday, June 29th, 2025

## Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander

Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 12,188 acres

Containment: 26% Total Personnel: 672

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

Cause: Lightning

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Special Notes: There will be a public meeting tomorrow for residents near New Harmony at New Harmony Town Park at the corner of Center Street and 175 E. Seating is limited, please bring a chair. 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:** Crews have achieved 26% containment. New containment is along the fires edge south of Pine Valley and on the north side Pine Valley Recreation Area. In the southwest corner of the fire crews constructed a handline down into Forsyth Canyon, this ties the fire's edge into the Saddle Fire burn scar. On the north end of the fire, hot spots were identified outside of the perimeter and resources worked quickly to extinguish them to reduce the potential of the fire spreading further north. Today, three crews will be flown into the east side of the fire. They will be addressing spot fires and using existing trail systems and the retardant that was laid yesterday to tie back into the fires edge.

In the Oak Grove and Browse Guard Station areas, the contingency group is removing brush around values at risk and prepping Forest Service structures in the area. The removal of thick brush in this area will reduce the fuel continuity, providing firefighters safe opportunities to engage with the fire.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Temperatures will continue to rise and reach the high 80's today, with strong southwest winds gusting up to 20mph. The fire has the potential to align with the slopes and valleys which will increase fire behavior in the afternoons. Storms are expected early next week, likely accompanied by gusty winds, dry lightning and only a slight chance of wetting rains.

**Evacuations and Closures:** Stage 1 fire restrictions are in 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.