

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #4



Deer Creek Fire Update

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
7/10/25	under investigation	12,906	7%	5	21	6	4	385

Containment on the Deer Creek Fire is now at 7%, reflecting the good work along the southwest perimeter above Old La Sal. Of the 12,906 total acres burned, 536 acres are on State of Utah, 314 acres on Bureau of Land Management in Utah, 2 acres on Bureau of Land Management in Colorado, 1,491 acres on private, and 10,563 acres on the Manti La Sal National Forest.

Yesterday evening the Deer Creek Fire moved into Colorado approximately one mile north of State Highway 90. Anyone traveling along the Highway 46 / 90 corridor near the Utah-Colorado border should check current road conditions for information about any possible closures and be aware of changing conditions.

Even with advanced mapping tools like infrared flights, firefighters must validate data from the ground to ensure the most up to date and accurate information is available. Acreage on the Deer Creek Fire increased by just under 1,000 acres based on more accurate mapping and information confirmed by firefighters on the ground. The area near Chicken Creek along the Upper 2 Mile Road burned early during the Deer Creek Fire but there are no additional or undiscovered structures damaged within the area.

Weather from central Utah is forecast to move into the fire area over the next several days with the best chance for wetting rain coming on Friday. Winds will shift to be out of the west with high potential for outflow winds and gusts of 30 to 50 mph. This could create critical fire weather conditions for firefighters.

Yesterday, crews constructed dozer line along the perimeter of the north side between the two fingers of fire and will continue assessing as they move north into Canopy Springs and the Dark Canyon area. Work continued around Peaceful Valley Ranch utilizing structure protection sprinklers and support from aviation resources with retardant drops.

Although fire behavior moderated somewhat yesterday with mainly surface fire moving over the landscape, the burning produced a large amount of smoke visible from the surrounding communities. Fire activity is anticipated to increase with the forecast weather. Fire managers are asking the public to avoid the area of the old landing strip in Spanish Valley so that the helicopters and crews staged there can safely operate.

Evacuations: Residents north of Highway 46 between the intersection of Upper 2 Mile Road and the Utah-Colorado state line remain under evacuation orders by San Juan County Sheriff. The Sheriff, in coordination with CIMT 4, will lift evacuations when it is safe for residents to re-enter the area. Sign up for emergency alerts through the county: <https://sanjuancountyut.gov/emergency-management/page/san-juan-alerts>.

Closures: For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Manti-La Sal National Forest has enacted an area closure. See the map and description at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/manti-lasal/alerts/deer-creek-wildfire-closure-area-roads-and-trails-moab-ranger-district>. County roads within the San Juan County evacuation area are closed to public traffic.



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