

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	15,655	7%	6	24	10	5	451

The Deer Creek Fire remains active on the north and east sides of the fire perimeter. Rugged terrain and lack of road access have made it difficult to get crews on the ground in this area of the fire. When weather conditions allow, aerial resources are supporting suppression efforts with water delivery and retardant drops. There will be an elevated presence of firefighting resources in Paradox completing structure assessments and identifying areas to construct dozer line as a contingency in case the fire continues to grow to the east. Residents of Montrose County can register for emergency alerts by signing up through Montrose County Sheriff's Office, <https://montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com/montrose-alerts/>.

Yesterday, forecasted wind gusts of up to 60 mph did not materialize over the fire area. The highest recorded gusts reached approximately 35 mph. A small amount of precipitation fell yesterday, but it was not enough to be measured. Today, there will be increased cloud cover and a chance of light rain over the fire area. While rainfall will not fully extinguish the heat on a fire of this size, it will help moderate fire behavior and give firefighters a better opportunity to make progress on containment.

Today, crews will continue using equipment such as hoses and sprinkler systems around the Canopy Springs and Peaceful Valley Ranch residences. On the northeast corner of the fire near Hop Creek, fire is burning through aspen stands with a mixture of live standing and dead and down trees. Due to the dryness of the dead trees and their density, the fire is consuming the dead fuels but not rapidly spreading through the aspen stands. An initial attack group will remain staged near the Highway 46/90 junction in the coming days, ready to respond quickly to any new fire starts in the area.

Evacuations: San Juan County issued a map with new evacuation zones clarifying the affected geographic areas. Additional information can be found on the San Juan County Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SanJuanUtah>. Current evacuation orders remain in place. The Sheriff, in coordination with CIMT 4, will lift evacuations when it is safe for residents to re-enter the area. There are no evacuations in Paradox. Sign up for emergency alerts:

San Juan County, Utah – <https://sanjuancountyut.gov/emergency-management/page/san-juan-alerts>

Montrose County, Colorado – <https://montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com/montrose-alerts/>

Closures: For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Manti-La Sal National Forest has enacted an area closure. County roads within the San Juan County evacuation area are closed to public traffic. 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. Fire managers are asking the public to avoid the area of the old airport landing strip in Spanish Valley so that the helicopters and crews staged there can safely operate. The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office has issued a Temporary Emergency Closure that affects roads on BLM-administered public lands in the Paradox area in Montrose County, Colorado. For more information on all closure orders please visit: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/utmlf-deer-creek>



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