

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #4



Deer Creek Fire Update

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InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utmlf-deer-creek>

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
7/10/25	under investigation	15,819	11%	6	29	11	5	484

Cloud cover and cooler temperatures aided firefighters yesterday allowing good progress along the north and east sides of the Deer Creek Fire. Fire managers are working with local officials on the shared goal of returning residents as soon as it is safe. Residents in some areas began reentry yesterday and today, a sign of progress on the fire. Firefighters are staged out of four spike camps reducing travel time to more remote areas of the fire and facilitating easier access to meals and rest. Resources continue to be positioned on the west end of Paradox where structure protection assessments are being made and the construction of a contingency dozer line.

Firefighters conducted firing operations east of Peaceful Valley Ranch, burning vegetation between dozer lines and the edge of the active fire. This strategy helps fire managers guide the fire's movement under more controlled and predictable conditions, strengthening containment efforts. Helicopters have been in use along the active north and east sides of the fire. To reduce the risk to firefighters, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) are being used to patrol the fire in areas where the terrain is inaccessible.

Smoke remains in the area; for more information on air quality, visit AirNow.gov. Anyone traveling along the Highway 46/90 corridor near the Utah-Colorado border should be aware of heavy fire traffic and the possibility of low visibility conditions.

Evacuations: The San Juan County evacuation zone map and additional information can be found on the San Juan County Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SanJuanUtah>. 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. Please avoid the area of the old airport landing strip in Spanish Valley so that the helicopters and crews 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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