

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	Helicopter	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total Personnel
7/10/25	under investigation	15,892	17%	6	34	12	5	524

Additional cloud cover and isolated wetting rain provided firefighters with favorable conditions on Friday. Rain fell on the west and southeast sides of the fire, creating more humid conditions that slowed fire progression. Crews continued to work along the western fireline where they increased containment, while also securing smaller spot fires near the southeastern edge above Paradox Valley. The fire containment has increased by 6% since yesterday, which highlights the tremendous efforts from the entire fire team.

Some of the residents previously evacuated are returning to their homes. Those in Set status should be prepared for potential evacuation orders should fire activity necessitate.

Smoke conditions varied today, with some respite in Paradox Valley before afternoon showers pushed smoke down the cliffs and into the valley. Crews are working hard to create dozer lines west of Paradox and to secure areas around Peaceful Valley. Air operations in the area include drone-delivered ignitions to set fire to areas ahead of the main fire in a calculated action to quell advancing flames by removing vegetation.

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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