

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	17,123	30%	6	32	11	5	579

Yesterday, firefighters gained additional containment on the fire along the Upper Two Mile Road and along Highway 46 close to the Utah/Colorado border. Despite the uptick in acreage, there was minimal fire growth yesterday. Due to more accurate satellite mapping, around 780 acres in the center of the fire's footprint previously thought to be unburned was determined to be burned early on the incident. This increase in acreage is reflected on today's map.

Today, priorities include continued patrol and monitoring along the western and northern flanks of the incident, with attention to potential heat sources near containment lines. On the eastern edge of the fire, if favorable weather and fuel conditions allow, firing operations will be implemented to consume remaining interior live vegetation within the established perimeter. This reduces the likelihood of interior flare-ups or fire movement if the wind picks up or critical fire weather returns. On the southeast side of the fire, crews are constructing a direct handline at the fire's edge and extinguishing hot spots along the line.

As fire activity decreases, fire managers are shifting focus from active suppression to repairing areas impacted by firefighting efforts. Protecting values at risk remains a top priority, and crews and equipment are still positioned and ready to respond should fire conditions change.

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, closures are in effect by the Manti-La Sal National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Officer. 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. Information, including maps, on all closure orders can be found at: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/utmlf-deer-creek>.



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