



Morning Update – MONROE CANYON Fire

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #5

Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 45,964 acres Containment: 11% Total Personnel: 1,132 Cause: Under Investigation	InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utfif-monroe-canyon Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF Contact Fire Information Phone: 435-280-2269 Email: 2025.monroecanyon@firenet.gov

Weather: A Red Flag Warning has been extended until Saturday at 10 pm. Temperatures around the fire have been in the high 80s and low 90s. Wind speeds have been consistently around 27mph with 35 mph gusts. Humidities across the landscape have been around 5%. Inversions have been lifting around noon each day, increasing airflow into the fire.

Situation: Yesterday saw extreme fire behavior with winds gusting to 36mph, high temperatures, and humidities in the 5% range. These winds led to very active fire on multiple fronts. This caused spot fires up to half a mile over the lines or more. Large fire runs are expected for the next several days. This has been the pattern since the initial start as tinder dry fuels from drought, combined with red flag weather, has meant active fire from any ignition source that lands in them.

Dry Creek saw the most activity yesterday with large, wind-driven pushes toward settlement south of Monroe, triggering a evacuation order. Additional heavy equipment and crews from surrounding divisions were rerouted to reinforce units already there and engage the fire in the area and protect structures and other values.

Fire backed down into the Elk Country area. Crews stayed as long as they could, working to defend structures, before finally being forced to retreat due to the fire spread and the threat of being cut off.

Engines and scoopers worked in the Bear Valley and Burrville area as the fire backed down the mountain and began to burn in juniper and mountain mahogany. These fuels are highly receptive to fire and pushed the spread toward Burrville. This triggered an evacuation order for the western outskirts of Burrville. Highway 24 was closed for a few hours due to smoke.

Fire on the northwest front pushed into Water Creek Canyon and overran Long Flat. Structure protection forces were outflanked and were forced to pull back. Crews will reenter and assess impacts to properties as soon as possible.

Firelines around Manning Meadows and Bagley Ranch held, despite numerous spot fires over the line.

Today crews will re-engage in areas where it is safe to do so, strengthening lines where they held, and establishing new ones where the fire advanced. Additional resources continued to arrive yesterday afternoon and overnight, to include more Hotshot crews and heavy equipment.

Evacuations: Sign up for Sevier County Code Red <https://scsoutah.com/emergency-management/>
For evacuation information Sevier County Sheriff's webpage <https://scsoutah.com/#>
Sevier County Emergency Management Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bereadysevier>

Closures: The Fishlake National Forest has an Emergency Closure Order for the Monroe Canyon Fire for the general area north of Dry Creek Canyon Road (Forest Road 071). <https://wwfs.usda.gov/r04/fishlake/alerts/monroe-fire-emergency-closure-order>

*** Please do not call 911 for fire info. Go to Fishlake NF & Utah Fire Facebook or Inciweb ***