



Forsyth Fire Update

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander

Forsyth Fire Statistics: Size: 13,566 acres Containment: 43% Total Personnel: 671 Location: Pine Valley, Utah Reported: June 19, 2025 Cause: Lightning	For More Information: Information Phone: (435) 280-2263 Email: 2025.forsyth@firenet.gov InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/utdif-forsyth Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/usfsdnf
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Special Notes: Chances remain for dry lightning, stronger winds, and rain. All fire suppression activities will be conducted with the utmost safety for firefighters in mind. As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, be aware of firefighter presence in and around area communities. The Incident Management Team continues to coordinate closely with the Dixie National Forest, State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Bureau of Land Management and local cooperators to meet the needs of the changing fire conditions.

Current Situation: Additional containment was reached yesterday on the north side of the fire thanks to the continued efforts of on-the-ground firefighter crews. Scattered heat remains around Forsyth Creek. Unmanned Aircraft Systems, or drones, are being used to reduce available fuels and control fire behavior on the eastern edge of the fire. Firefighting crews have also been working around Oak Grove campground, Browse Guard Station, and New Harmony using various protective strategies including chipping dead and down fuel. Crews also are beginning repair of bulldozer lines around the northern tip of the fire.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible throughout the day. Temperatures will continue to drop, and more moisture in the atmosphere will bring an increased chance of unstable weather and dry lightning. Winds may be unpredictable, with gusts on the ridgetops reaching up to 25mph. The chance of wetting rain (more than 0.1 inch) is 10%. Depending on wetting rain, fire activity that coincides with slope and wind alignment could create more active fire behavior, and even fuels that appear green may still carry fire.

Evacuations and Closures: Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect for all lands in Washington, Iron and surrounding Counties, for more information visit Utahfireinfo.gov. The communities of Pine Valley, Grass Valley and Gray's Ranch are in a "Set" level evacuation order. Pinto is in "Ready" status. For the most up-to-date evacuation status, visit the *News* section of the Washington County website. If you have questions regarding evacuation status, please reach out to the Washington County Sheriff via the non-emergency dispatch line at (435) 634-5730. A Forest Closure Order is in place for the Pine Valley Ranger District, information and maps can be found under *Alerts and Fire Danger Status* on the Dixie National Forest website.