

Forsyth Fire Update

Friday, July 4, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 7

Mike Johnston, Incident Commander

Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 13,597 acres Containment: 46% Total Personnel: 664

Location: Pine Valley, Utah Reported: June 19, 2025

Cause: Lightning

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Special Notes: Happy 4th of July! Please remember to be safe and fire wise while celebrating America's Independence Day. All fire suppression activities continue to be conducted with the utmost safety for firefighters in mind. 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: Containment on the north side of the fire was added, creating a containment line from the West Valley burn scar to the Saddle burn scar south of Pine Valley. Crews continue to add containment around Pine Valley Recreation Area, mopping up and looking for heat 100 feet or greater into the fire footprint, with ongoing operations to complete containment around the recreation area. Firefighting crews have also been working around Oak Grove campground, and New Harmony using various protective strategies including chipping dead and down fuel. Crews are continuing to repair bulldozer lines around the northern tip of the fire, and aircraft are being used to perform bucket drops, shuttle crews, and backhaul equipment,

Weather and Fire Behavior: Today, July 4th, is a critical fire weather day. As a warming trend begins today, the chance of moisture dissipates, and temperatures increase. Strong southwest winds may reach speeds of 35 mph on ridgetops and humidity will be in the low teens. This drying trend will continue throughout the rest of the week, and fuels will continue to dry, increasing the risk of extreme fire behavior.

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 have been downgraded to a "Ready" level evacuation order. Pinto no longer has any evacuation 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.