



Forsyth Fire Update

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 2

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Forsyth Fire Statistics: Size: 14,241 acres Containment: 51% Total Personnel: 616 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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Current Situation: Today there was an increase in the containment percentage south of Pine Valley on the western edge of the fire. There are unburned pockets on fuel close to the west Valley burn area where smoke could possibly be visible. On the east side of the fire crews continue to secure a direct handline from the old West Valley fire burned area to summit trail and continuing indirect handline moving south on the trail. If conditions allow, crews will utilize unmanned aerial systems to implement low intensity firing operations. On the south side of the fire crews are constructing direct handlines from the Forsyth trail near Burger Peak. The contingency lines have been completed on the east side of the fire around the New Harmony community.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The warming and drying trend will continue today, as high pressure continues to strengthen across the region. Today the temperatures will climb to near 90 degrees across the lower elevations, and mid 70's across the upper elevations. The airmass will remain very dry, with poor overnight relative humidity values that will fall below 15 percent by late in the morning. There is an increased chance of active fire behavior due to the winds will increase out of the southwest today, with peak gusts around 20 miles per hour. Moderate fire behavior is expected to continue into the night due to poor relative humidity recovery. These winds will further strengthen on Wednesday, with the combination of stronger gusty winds and very low relative humidity resulting in critical fire weather conditions Wednesday afternoon.

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.

Special Notes: Great Basin Team 2 is coordinating 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. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't. Every time a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of this area. Visit [Know Before You Fly](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org), <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect in the fire area.