Forsyth Fire Update



Sunday, July 13, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 2 Tony DeMasters, Incident Commander



Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 15,640 acres Containment: 69% Total Personnel: 580 Location: Pine Valley, Utah

Reported: June 19, 2025

Cause: Lightning

For More Information

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Current Situation: Crews will work to tie hand line from Whipple Valley down to the right fork of the Santa Clara River. The fire had small growth in the Deer Flat and Burger Peak area where crews continue to construct containment line with support of aircraft. The contingency group will continue developing plans if fire activity increases and moves to the south to protect the Oak Grove Campground and New Harmony. Terrain-driven fire spread occurred during the day yesterday and may continue today across the southern edge of the fire. Yesterday crews continued repair work along the western edge of the fire into Lloyds Canyon. Crews secured remnant heat in and around the Pine Valley Area.

Weather and Fire Behavior: EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING Yesterday winds were light resulting in less intense fire behavior across portions of the fire. A hot, very dry, and unstable airmass will remain across the fire area. Hot, dry weather conducive to increased fire behavior, will continue today. Single digit relative humidity has been recorded at all elevations across the fire area and overnight recovery has not been above 35% which is driving fuel moistures toward critical levels even at higher elevations.

Evacuations and Closures: Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in Washington, Iron, and surrounding counties. A Forest Closure Order is in place for the Pine Valley Ranger District; information can be found on the Dixie National Forest website. The communities of Pine Valley, Grass Valley, and Gray's Ranch are now in "Ready" level evacuation status, and Pinto is no longer in any evacuation status. For the most up-to-date evacuation information, visit the Washington County website. For questions regarding evacuation status, contact the Washington County Sheriff via the non-emergency number at (435) 634-5730.

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. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect in the fire area.