



Forsyth Fire Update

Thursday, July 17, 2025

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



Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 15,677 acres
Containment: 83%
Total Personnel: 447
Location: Pine Valley, Utah
Reported: June 19, 2025
Cause: Lightning

For More Information

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Yesterday there was an Unmanned Aircraft System incursion in the Pine Valley area causing fire managers to suspend air operations.

Current Situation: Fire crews added containment above the right fork of the Santa Clara River. A few spots of concern were found and were addressed once air operations could resume. Handline was continued through the extremely difficult terrain on the south side of the fire. In the northeast crews continued to work in the Whipple Valley area and good progress was made. The contingency group continues to support operations by being in place to protect Oak Grove Campground and New Harmony as well as assisting with recovery of crews and equipment that have been returned by air support. Fire growth has been minimal over the past 24 hours.

Weather and Fire Behavior: On Wednesday southwesterly flow resulted in an increase in relative humidity across the fire. After good overnight recovery, the humidity levels remained in the 20-30% range across all elevations of the fire yesterday afternoon. Possible monsoon moisture could bring a chance showers and thunderstorms to the area on Thursday afternoon and evening. These storms will be capable of producing wetting rains, frequent lightning, and gusty winds.

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), <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect in the fire area.