



Forsyth Fire Update

Friday, July 18, 2025

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



Forsyth Fire Statistics:

Size: 15,662 acres
Containment: 84%
Total Personnel: 311
Location: Pine Valley, Utah
Reported: June 19, 2025
Cause: Lightning

For More Information

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Current Situation: The area north of Whipple Valley around the West Valley burn area is now fully contained. The last area needing containment is the southern edge of the fire where crews continue to work on cutting handline through the extremely difficult terrain. Fire growth has been minimal over the past 24 hours, in part due to a thunderstorm yesterday bringing significant precipitation. In the Pine Valley area, crews continued to respond to internal smoke and will remain in the area to assist, if needed, with the aftermath of yesterday's storms. Contingency crews will remain prepared to respond to any new starts in the fire area.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Yesterday, after several days of hot and dry conditions, the fire received significant rainfall as a thunderstorm passed over the area. This storm brought gusty winds, lightning, and precipitation. Rainfall varied in amount and intensity across the fire area. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and monsoon moisture in the afternoon kept the fire behavior minimal. This monsoon moisture will remain in place into Saturday, maintaining higher humidities and a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. South-southwest winds of 5-10mph are expected today, with gusty winds in the afternoon driven by thunderstorm outflows.

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.