

Morning Update – MONROE CANYON Fire

Monday, August 4, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #5

Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 62,719 acres	InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utfif-monroe-canyon
Containment: 13%	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF
Total Personnel: 1,503	Contact Fire Information Phone: 435-280-2269
Cause: Under Investigation	Email: 2025.monroecanyon@firenet.gov

Special Announcement: A community meeting will take place **TODAY** at 7:30 p.m at the Sorensen Administrative Building on the Snow College Campus, located at 800 West 200 South, Richfield, Utah, 84701. There is also a virtual option available through Teams. No login is required. **https://tinyurl.com/4u33wthw**

Weather: We will be under another Red Flag warning today. Wind speeds will go back up into the high 20s-30s and temps will be in the high 80s and 90s as the cloud cover passes. Humidities across the landscape remain around 5% and fuel moistures remain historically low at around 8%.

Situation: Yesterday, lower temps and milder wind enabled firefighters to improve containment lines on the northern front along Hwy 24. Night shift worked the spot fires that came over the ridge at Elk Country and kept them in check on a mid slope road. Crews and aircraft will continue to address hotspots in that area.

To the south work continued on the lines running from Elk Country, through Bagley Ranch, and down to above Manning Meadows and that will continue today. South of Manning Meadows over to the reservoir they continue to hold an area of heavy, timber laden fuel pockets. At the reservoir, the spot fires burned themselves out overnight. As in other areas, a prescribed fire treatments from 2019 and 2020 slowed the fire's progression and greatly aided in keeping it from making a large run.

On the western front above Monroe crews improved the lines they established above Poverty Flat down to Hunts Lake. Hotshot Crews were able to stitch that line together and it held nicely over the last few days. You will note additional containment in that area. It was strong work in a tough place.

Coming north to Annabella and Glenwood, heavy equipment has been constructing contingency line along the base of the hills, running up past the mouth of Water Creek Canyon. In Water Creek Canyon itself westerly winds aided in checking up the fire's advance and crews worked with aviation to address any flare ups.

South of the Hwy 24 and Rt 119 junction area, individual fingers of fire worked into the various washes when the fire advanced day before yesterday. Crews utilizing a mixture of equipment and hand tools have been checking those up and stitching together a line in that area. Structure crews will be in Annabella and Glenwood areas assessing structures and starting preparations as a contingency measure.

Coming around to the east down the Hwy 24 corridor, the fire that came out of Bear Valley and over Mormon Mountain was held on the road and is now contained. Firefighters will continue to monitor the area and address any hot spots.

Evacuations: Sign up for Sevier County Code Red https://scsoutah.com/emergency-management/
For evacuation information Sevier County Sheriff's webpage https://scsoutah.com/#
Sevier County Emergency Management Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/bereadysevier

Closures: The Fishlake National Forest has an Emergency Closure Order for the Monroe Canyon Fire for the general area north of Dry Creek Canyon Road (Forest Road 071). https://wwfs.usda.gov/r04/fishlake/alerts/monroe-fire-emergency-closure-order