



Cottonwood Fire

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Fire Information: 435-485-5456 / 2026.cottonwood@firenet.gov
www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF / www.facebook.com/utahfireinfo

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: 6/22/2026
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 59,613 acres
Containment: 0%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Current Situation: Great Basin Team 5 assumed control of the [#CottonwoodFire](#) today at 0600. Yesterday, extreme fire behavior was fueled by drought conditions, high temperatures, and low fuel moistures. Last night, dozers and handcrews created fireline in the City Creek area. Crews on the east side will engage in structure protection today, as well as fireline construction where they can. On the west side of the fire, firefighters worked around the backside of the fire to build fireline which they will use as an anchor to build continual line from. Today, firefighters will continue establishing fireline and engage in structure protection. Crews will be working day shifts and night shifts, establishing 24-hour fire coverage.

Crews from Rocky Mountain Power are working to clear downed powerlines from Highway 153 and will be brushing around powerlines ahead of the fire on the east side. Several aircraft have been assigned to the incident and will be utilized across the fire. A structure assessment team is being established to assist the county with structure inventories.

Community Meetings: Great Basin Team 5 and local agency representatives will hold a community meeting for residents to provide an overview of the fire, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held tentatively on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined. Please check the Fishlake National Forest's or Utah Fire Info's Facebook for updates.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The weather outlook over the next several days is expected to be dry with daytime high temperatures in the low 80's and nighttime lows in the low 60's. Humidity is expected to be slightly higher today as rain may be possible in the morning, turning to thunderstorms in the afternoon. Winds will be from the southeast at 6 to 11 mph and may influence fire spread. Fire activity slowed during the night, however, the fire still made active progress outward to the northeast and east. Fire activity may be slightly lower today with any increase in humidity, but the fire behavior is expected to remain heightened.

Smoke: Air quality may be slightly better today as storms move smoke out of the area. Air Resource Advisors have been ordered and will be able to give more accurate air quality information when they arrive.

Evacuations and Closures: Fishlake National Forest closures are in effect; see the Fishlake National Forest's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF> for details. For current evacuation information see <https://www.facebook.com/PiuteCountySO> for Piute County and <https://www.facebook.com/bcsoutah> for Beaver County. State Highway 153 is CLOSED in both directions.