



Cottonwood Fire

Thursday, June 25, 2026

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utfif-cottonwood-fire>
www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF / www.facebook.com/utahfireinfo

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: 6/22/2026
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 70,992 acres
Containment: 0%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Current Situation: On the western flank of the fire, firefighters working toward the North Creek area. Firefighters will be engaging in direct extinguishment tactics today when fire conditions allow and incorporating blackened areas into fireline constructed yesterday in the Birch Creek Lake area. On the east side of the fire, handcrews will continue building the fireline from Highway 153 toward the Little Twist burn scar. Brushing operations conducted by Rocky Mountain Power assisted firefighters in line construction along the powerlines near Circleville. Handcrews will continue to prep structures in the Cottonwood Creek area. Yesterday, outflow winds from passing storms and limited visibility from smoke prevented helicopter usage in the afternoon. As the winds calmed, helicopters returned to action, supporting crews as they directly engaged the fire. Today, Rapid Extrication Module Support (REMS) Teams are expected to arrive, which greatly improves the medical response time to firefighters and allows firefighters to engage the fire in the more remote areas of the fire.

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. For those unable to attend in person, please see www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF to view the live feed.

WHERE: Beaver High School Auditorium, 195 E Center St, Beaver, UT 84713
WHEN: Thursday, June 25th, 7:00 p.m.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Yesterday saw cooler temperatures, higher humidities, and consistent cloud cover, all of which helped moderate fire behavior. However, only 1/10th of an inch of rain fell across the fire area. Similar weather conditions will continue today throughout the morning. Scattered rain showers are expected into the afternoon and then turn into thunderstorms. Thunderstorms can produce gusty winds expected to be 25-35 mph. The fire continued to move to the east along canyons with the wind yesterday and similar activity is expected today.

Smoke: Air quality may improve throughout the day as rain and wind moves smoke out of the valleys. Air Resource Advisors are expected today who will begin providing more accurate air quality assessments daily.

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.

Great Basin Incident Management Team 5

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