Cottonwood Fire

Saturday, July 11, 2026

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

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: 6/22/2026
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 97,278 acres
Containment: 70%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 1,043
Crews: 21
Helicopters: 12
Unmanned Aerial Systems: 3
Engines: 38

Current Situation:

Burning pinyon pine and juniper in the Pine Creek area put up a small smoke column visible from Beaver yesterday. Fire managers said the flare up was expected and that the consumption of the vegetation will likely give firefighters more options to engage that part of the fire more directly. Crews put finishing touches on several sections of fireline yesterday and containment is now at 70 percent.

Yesterday, dozens of residents accessed their properties after receiving temporary permits from the Beaver County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff and Great Basin Complex Incident Command Team #4 personnel reported the access protocol went extremely smoothly, having no impact on firefighting operations. Those with residences in the Hi-Lo up to Kents Lake, Merchant Valley, and Eagle Point areas can get a temporary access permit for Saturday at the Beaver County Search and Rescue Office at 40 South 100 East in Beaver between 8:30 and 10 a.m. On Sunday, July 12, the Beaver County Sheriff is permitting restricted access ONLY for property owners in the LeBaron and Arrowhead Areas. Permits will be available beginning at 8 a.m. and checkout must happen before 2 p.m. to minimize potential conflict with ongoing fire suppression actions.

Yesterday, the Elsinore Spike Camp was moved to Marysvale to locate the approximately 200 firefighters closer to fire operations. Traffic will be increased in this area so please drive carefully.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

No cloud cover, low humidity and lighter winds are predicted for today. Sunday will be hot and dry again but beginning Monday, the fire area will see cloud cover and possible monsoonal moisture.

Evacuations and Closures:

The Fishlake National Forest has a large area closure in effect which includes roads and trails within the boundaries; see the closure order at https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/fishlake/alerts. All BLM-managed lands located west of Highway 89 between Bullion Canyon Road, Marysvale, UT and the southern Piute County border are closed; see the closure order at https://www.blm.gov/utah/fire.

Evacuations remain in effect for Hi-Lo Estates, Merchant Valley, Eagle Point, Arrowhead Summer homes and surrounding areas. Find current evacuation information for Piute County at https://www.facebook.com/PiuteCountySO and for Beaver County at https://www.facebook.com/bcsoutah. State Highway 153 from Beaver to Junction is closed between mileposts 3 and 35.

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect: https://utah-fire-info-utahdnr.hub.arcgis.com/pages/active-fire-restrictions.