Cottonwood Fire

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utfif-cottonwood-fire
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Fire Statistics:

Start Date: 6/22/2026
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 97,373 acres
Containment: 77%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 1,040
Crews: 22
Helicopters: 12
Unmanned Aerial Systems: 2
Engines: 37

Current Situation:

High winds and dry conditions provided increased fire activity in pockets of unburned fuel within the fire area. Helitack personnel were inserted in rough terrain near Kents Lake to address increased fire activity near the line. Aircraft dropped retardant in Pine Creek to limit the fire spread. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) supported fire crews in rugged areas identifying locations that required additional work. Yesterday's efforts across the fire increased containment to 77%.

Yesterday marked the second day of permitted access near Kents Lake and Eagle Point. There were fifty-three permits issued for residents allowing access without impacting firefighting operations. On Sunday, July 12, the Beaver County Sheriff and the Piute County Sheriff are permitting restricted access ONLY for property owners in the LeBaron and Arrowhead Areas. Permits will be available beginning at 8 a.m. in two locations: Beaver at the Search and Rescue building, and Junction in the parking lot of Piute High School. Checkout must happen before 2 p.m. to minimize potential conflict with ongoing fire suppression actions.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Today's weather remains hot and dry, yet lighter winds are expected across the fire area in advance of the predicted 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, Upper Kents Lake, Merchant Valley, Eagle Point area, 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.