Cottonwood Fire

Monday, July 13, 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: 97,455 acres
Containment: 77 %
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 906
Crews: 20
Helicopters: 11
Other Aviation Assets: 2
Engines: 31

Current Situation:

Fire crews successfully completed a 100-acre burn out yesterday evening near LeBaron, giving firefighters more direct containment line by strategically removing vegetation in a controlled manner under higher relative humidity. Infrared (IR) flights using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) continue to identify remaining areas of heat, helping crews focus on holding established lines and monitoring any increase in fire activity. Helicopters supported firefighters in the northwest corner to drop water on flames to limit fire spread.

Today, firefighters will continue patrolling and removing hazardous trees from roadways. Firefighters also continue to complete chipping of vegetation removed during fire suppression and restoring roads across the fire area to their pre-fire condition. Fire managers are providing all crews with extra supplies and safety planning in the event of potential runoff from any measurable precipitation over the fire area, especially within Beaver Canyon, where even a small runoff could impact Highway 153.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, lighter winds, and a chance of rain today are expected to reduce fire activity, with similar conditions forecast throughout the week. Additional moisture could lead to an increased chance of thunderstorms. Increased cloud cover over the west side of the fire may lead to some increased burning in pinyon pine and juniper, but little to no fire spread is expected because winds will remain light.

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.