Cottonwood Fire

Tuesday, July 14, 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: 97,458 acres
Containment: 77 %
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 894
Crews: 20
Helicopters: 10
Other Aviation Assets: 2
Engines: 32

Current Situation:

The Cottonwood Fire had no measurable growth Monday due to the change in weather patterns but continues to smolder and creep along the forest floor in areas of heavy dead and down vegetation. Yesterday's successful burning operation strengthened key containment lines near Arrowhead and LeBaron. Crews will continue reinforcing fireline around the fire to expand and secure the perimeter.

The footprint of the Cottonwood Fire is more prone to erosion and debris flows due to the loss of stabilizing vegetation. As anticipated, a minor debris flow on Hwy 153 occurred and the road temporarily became impassable while the storm moved over the area. Crews in the Eagle Point area were able to shelter in place during the storm and later safely returned to the incident command post in Beaver. Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority and fire managers are continuously evaluating conditions to determine if crews can safely access the Cottonwood Fire over the coming days. Roads will be scouted and assessed for hazards before firefighters are sent into the area.

Helicopters assigned to the Cottonwood Fire were able to assist neighboring fires yesterday, including initial attack on the Boulder Top Fire on the Fishlake National Forest just west of Capital Reef National Park.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

The extended hot and dry trend subsided as storms moved over the fire area Monday afternoon, with the most rainfall, 0.7 inches, recorded near Puffer Lake. Localized sections of the fire were outside of the storm's path and did not receive any rain. The next several days will bring more of the same weather with thunderstorms forming each afternoon. Utah Division of Emergency Management live camera at approximately mile marker 8.5 on Hwy 153: https://www.youtube.com/live/Jr45ysSRIOQ.

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.