Cottonwood Fire

Wednesday, July 15, 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: 799
Crews: 16
Helicopters: 10
Other Aviation Assets: 2
Engines: 29

Current Situation:

Firefighters on the Cottonwood Fire are taking advantage of the cooler, wetter weather to reduce fuels adjacent to the fireline and work on remaining hot spots, especially on the south end of the fire, near LeBaron and Arrowhead. The precipitation is also posing challenges for fire personnel. Debris flows have made transportation routes in the fire area impassable at times, but thus far only temporarily. Fire managers say the many pieces of heavy equipment that are working on the Cottonwood Fire will be critical in maintaining safe access to the fire area. Two crews are staying at the LeBaron Spike Camp to minimize travel to work areas and the risk such travel poses, while making progress on completing containment near the LeBaron community.

Firefighter and public safety is paramount 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 higher elevation areas. Additionally, the Beaver County Sheriff's Office announced no further property owner or other public access will be granted until further notice.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Incident Meteorologist Rich Thompson advised that the continuous monsoonal pattern will persist through the rest of the week, with Thursday and Friday having the highest chance of flooding potential. Utah Division of Emergency Management has a live camera at approximately mile marker 8.5 on Hwy 153 that is available to the public: 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.