Cottonwood Fire

RED FLAG WARNING

Wednesday, July 8, 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: 96,333 acres
Containment: 58%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 1,249
Crews: 27
Helicopters: 13
Other Aviation: 0
Engines: 49

Current Situation:

This morning, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) #4 took command of the Cottonwood Fire. CIMT #4 will continue to support the fire operations from the Belknap Elementary School in Beaver. They will also carry forward work with the Beaver and Paiute County Sheriffs' Offices and other cooperating agencies, particularly in evaluating existing closures and evacuations for reduction and reentry when conditions are safe enough for residents and the public.

Today, firefighters will continue fire suppression actions on uncontained portions of the fire perimeter while monitoring existing containment lines for any increase in fire behavior. Areas of specific focus include Order Canyon on the east side, around LeBaron on the south side, in North Creek on the west side, and near Lake Peak, Eagle Point, and the ski resort on the north side.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the fire area today, indicating the potential for increased fire activity due to critically low relative humidity coupled with high temperatures and gusty southwest winds. This potential is especially high on west facing slopes where winds and terrain features align.

Smoke:

Air quality in and around the Cottonwood Fire area is projected to be good today based on current fire activity. Find up to date, localized air quality information at https://fire.airnow.gov.

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 HiLo 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.