Cottonwood Fire

Thursday, July 9, 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: 96,343 acres
Containment: 58%
Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel: 1,172
Crews: 25
Helicopters: 13
Other Aviation: 0
Engines: 42

Current Situation:

The cumulative efforts of fire crews and aviation resources were able to maintain the fire perimeter at 58% containment, even with the inclement Red Flag Warning conditions yesterday. However, due to a drone intrusion within the fire area, aviation resources were temporarily grounded. Unauthorized drones near wildfires stop firefighting aircraft from doing their job. Protect our firefighters and communities: don't fly drones near wildfires.

Firefighters are working on the north side of the fire to lengthen existing containment lines including dozer line construction near Cork Ridge. Where possible, natural barriers such as rocks and scree slopes are being used to contain the fire. Firefighting resources are dedicated to structure protection in the LeBaron and Eagle Point areas.

Community Meetings:

Great Basin Team 4 and local agency representatives will hold a community meeting to provide residents a status update on the fire and planning for post-fire potential flooding. For those unable to attend in person, it will also be streamed live on the Fishlake NF Facebook page.

WHERE: Beaver High School Auditorium, 195 E Center St, Beaver, UT 84713
WHEN: Friday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

A warm dry air mass in place may increase fire activity in the next couple days. A trend of cooler temperatures and increased chance of significant precipitation will start this weekend.

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.