



Cottonwood Fire

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Fire and Fuels Advisory

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/utfif-cottonwood-fire>

www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF / www.facebook.com/utahfireinfo

Fire Statistics:

Start Date: 6/22/2026

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 93,918 acres

Containment: 19%

Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources

TOTAL RESOURCES: 1,222

Current Situation: Yesterday, crews engaged in direct firefighting near Birch Lake and in the Beaver Watershed. A timber taskforce was created to conduct snagging operations around LeBaron in order to reduce hazard trees and ladder fuels to prevent reburn potential. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) were used yesterday to find hotspots in the Skyview area so crews on the ground could attack them directly. Last night, firefighters worked to prep the FS Rd 471. Crews prepped power poles ahead of the fire front. Yesterday, fire spotting was noticed in several timber stringers and crews will work on extinguishing the spot fires today by using direct firefighting tactics and snagging standing dead trees. Handcrews will continue to secure the handline from Ten Mile heading north toward Little Park. Helicopters are supporting direct firefighting tactics on the ground. Fire is approaching the dozer line near Cork Ridge and crews will engage in direct firefighting and may use strategic firing operations if fire threatens the fireline.

Community Meetings: Great Basin Team 5 and local agency representatives will hold a community meeting for residents to provide an overview of the fire, and to answer questions. For those unable to attend in person, please see www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF to view the live feed.

WHERE: Beaver High School, 195 E Center St, Beaver UT 84713

WHEN: Friday, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A Fire and Fuels Advisory has been issued for the state of Utah due to low fuel moistures and the potential for extreme fire behavior and rapid fire growth. Continued warming and drying conditions are expected today. Today, humidities will decrease to near critical levels. Little to no cloud cover will cause radiant heating to fuel fire activity.

Smoke: Unhealthy air quality at times for Beaver, Marysville, and other nearby communities. Be prepared for rapidly changing conditions. View current conditions at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

Evacuations and Closures: Fishlake National Forest closures are in effect; see the Fishlake National Forest's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USFSFishlakeNF> for details. For current evacuation information see <https://www.facebook.com/PiuteCountySO> for Piute County and <https://www.facebook.com/bcsoutah> for Beaver County. State Highway 153 is CLOSED in both directions.

Governor Spencer Cox issued an Emergency Executive Order on June 25th, 2026, declaring a state of emergency for wildfires and temporarily suspending Utah's usual fireworks laws to prevent preventable ignitions during these historic wildfire conditions from July 2 to July 5, 2026.

Great Basin Incident Management Team 5

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