



Cottonwood Fire

Friday, July 3, 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: 23%

Location: Fishlake National Forest, Beaver, UT

Resources

TOTAL RESOURCES: 1,273

Current Situation: Backing fire reached the bottom of the south fork of the North Fork yesterday afternoon, which led to extreme fire behavior in the canyon bottom. The fire burned mountain mahogany and juniper, resulting in a large, dark smoke column. Firefighters actively engaged the fire and held the fire within the constructed hand and dozer lines with the assistance of aircraft. Firefighters strengthened fireline headed toward the line constructed in LeBaron. Fire retardant was dropped in the area around LeBaron and the Little Twist burn scar in anticipation of strategic firing operations in the coming days. Today, crews will connect handlines to the Little Twist and finish prep for firing operations in the coming days. Mop up will continue in the Skyview area as well as the LeBaron area. Handline has been completed up to Bennington Flat and crews are now working to install hoselays in the area.

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, July 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 will persist through Saturday. Today will be mostly sunny with inversion breaking around 1100. Humidities will remain critical with low overnight recoveries.

Smoke: Unhealthy air quality in the morning for Beaver. 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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