

East Fork and Center Creek Trail Fire Update

Ashley National Forest
Type 3 Incident Management Team
October 1, 2020



East Fork Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7052/>

Center Creek Trail Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7166/>

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East Fork Fire: 69,929 acres, 73% containment. Located 13 miles north of Hanna, UT. Began August 21, 2020, lightning caused.

Center Creek Trail Fire: 1,225 acres, 0% containment. Located 5 miles northeast of Moon Lake in the High Uintas Wilderness. Began August 25, 2020, lightning caused.

Overview: Area and road closures on the Forest changed on September 30, 2020. A link to the full closure is at <https://tinyurl.com/y83yvjmj>. Resources that are now open include the Rock Creek Road, South Fork of Rock Creek Road, Miners Gulch Campground and all spurs off of the Blind Stream Road. Closures will be accessed as fire conditions change.

Active firefighting is in the area, heavy and slower equipment is on area roads. The public is advised to be mindful of road closure signage, and drive with caution.

Yesterday: Crews continued to secure the fire's edge in the Mill Park area. Around the Moon Lake and Upper Stillwater Dam area, firefighters worked to monitor the fires' edge as well as the fire in the wilderness.

Today's Operations: On the East Fork Fire, crews will patrol the fire perimeter from Upper Stillwater dam to Twin Pots. Fire progression will be monitored in Brown Duck Basin. Firefighters will continue to improve control lines between Petty Mountain Loop road and Hells Canyon road. Gridding to control spot fires outside of current firelines will continue and the fire progression west of Lake Fork Mountain will continue.

The Center Creek Fire will be monitored for southern progression and suppression repair work will continue.

Weather: The airmass over the fire area will remain dry and unseasonably warm through at least the beginning of next week. This weather pattern will likely continue with little variation in temperature, humidity, precipitation. Today's temperatures will be 69-72 degrees, with relative humidity levels down to 11% and gusts in the valley and ridges up to 15 mph. Tomorrow will be a critical fire weather day with increased wind gusts up to 20 mph.

Resources: A total of 151 firefighters are assigned to both fires. Additional resources include 3 Helicopters, 5 Engines, 4 water tenders, 1 Type-1 handcrew and 2 Type-2 Initial Attack handcrews.

Closures: Closures are in effect for the Ashley National Forest and Uintah and Ouray Tribal Lands. Duchesne County Sheriff's Office has closed county roads in and near the fire area. The forest closure last changed on September 30. All closures are posted here: <https://tinyurl.com/y83yvjmj>. The current closure map is at <https://tinyurl.com/yd3rtevj>.

Jurisdiction: The Ashley National Forest Type 3 Incident Management Team, is managing the fires. Jon Rupp is the incident commander of the team. The fires are in the jurisdiction of the Ashley National Forest, Uintah and Ouray Tribal Lands, State of Utah Lands.