

East Fork and Center Creek Trail Fire Update

California Interagency Incident Management Team 10
Type 2 Incident Management Team
Ashley National Forest - October 12, 2020



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

Center Creek Trail Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7166/> Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/AshleyNationalForest/>

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East Fork Fire: 83,000 acres, 68% containment. Located 13 miles north of Hanna, UT, began 8/21/20. **Center Creek Trail Fire:** 1,274 acres, 0% containment. Located 17 miles north of Mountain Home, UT, began 8/25/20. Both fires are lightning caused.

Closures: The closure order on the Ashley National Forest for the local area and roads may change. Any changes to the current closure order will be posted first on <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7052/>. The current closure map can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y45r6fb4> and the closure order may be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxnh9oal>.

Update: High wind gusts of up to 55 mph on Sunday grounded air operations for the fires. Wind speeds will be lower today and aviation is anticipated to be able to fly reconnaissance and perform bucket work. The fire area received some snow on Sunday, which helped to moderate fire behavior. This lower fire behavior will continue today, although the moisture levels of larger fuels remain dry and ready to burn.

The priority area for the fire area will be around the Upper Stillwater Reservoir area. Today, crews will get in and hold and mop-up direct line above the reservoir. Crews will work to complete line preparation along Rock Creek Road and Stillwater Trail. On the northeast corner of the fire between the [#EastForkFire](#) and the [#CenterCreekTrailFire](#), firefighters will continue to work today on indirect line construction. Firefighters are also being assigned to look at contingency lines further away from the fire area. This is to be prepared for fire growth west of the wilderness boundary, if there are winds that cause the fire to shift that direction.

Weather: Today, temperatures will moderate back to near normal levels, as the cold air from yesterday's front has moved east of the fire area. Temperatures are expected to reach 43-47 degrees today and relative humidity levels will be at 30%. Winds will be out of the northwest today, with gusts up to 35 mph along the ridgetops and 20 mph in the valleys later this afternoon.

Resources: A total of 559 firefighters are assigned to the fires. Resources include 11 hand crews, 9 helicopters, 28 Engines, 14 water tenders and 2 dozers.

Jurisdiction: The fires are in the jurisdiction of the Ashley National Forest, Uintah and Ouray Tribal Lands, and State of Utah Lands. California Interagency Incident Management Team 10 is managing the fires.

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