



# Peterson Hollow Fire



Morning Update  
8/25/16

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The Peterson Hollow Fire saw minor acreage increase yesterday, growing approximately 50 acres more in size. The fire is currently 1,121 acres and is now 10% contained.

Yesterday's strong wind velocity and direction increased in the afternoon, with swirling gusts between 18-20mph. The fire front continued to move eastward and north, and is still active on both sides of Sink Hollow. Today's weather is forecasted to be less severe, with a lower predicted spotting distance.

Area closures remain north of Highway 89 between Peterson Hollow drainage and east to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Forest border. Closures are still in effect for Peterson Hollow, Highline, Beaver Creek and Sink Hollow Trails (on both the Utah and Idaho sides). Additional closures on the Idaho side are Gibson Basin (FS Rd 466), FS Road 316, and FS Rd 411 between Utah/Idaho state line and Beaver Creek Campground. Franklin Basin Road is open. For closure details check Inciweb.

Aerial support will continue to be heavily utilized, as road access is limited. Air resources were used both for suppression methods, as well as supply drops to crews that are spiked out.

Structure protection work for Beaver Mountain Resort continues to be a priority. Smoke is still visible in the Garden City area; however, the fire remains a safe distance from the town and structures.

Crews continue working to keep the fire east of the Peterson Hollow Drainage and north of Beaver Mountain.

As the fire perimeter expands across agency boundaries, partnerships have proven effective in fire management. Cooperators involved in this effort include: Beaver Mountain Ski Resort, BLM, Unified Fire Authority, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah State Patrol, Cache County, Rich County, Franklin County, Bear Lake County, local fire and police departments and local cities and towns.

For updated information call 801-940-4935 or 801-999-2112. Find current info:

Facebook: "U.S. Forest Service Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest" or "Utah Wildfire"

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Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4985/#> for closure info, maps and announcements

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