

FACT SHEET | WATER TOWER FIRE | 07/16/17 8:00 P.M.

Information: Shayne Ward (385) 368-0403
What: Wildland fire, Human-Caused, Under investigation for exact source
Started: 07/15/2017 at 8:12pm
Location: 1 mile Northeast of Alpine, UT
Jurisdiction: USFS, Northern Region, Uinta National Forest

Current Size: 397 acres **Current Containment:** 25%
Approximate costs to date: \$300,000 **Structures Lost:** 0
Estimated Containment date: 07/20/2017
Agencies Involved: Local, State, and Federal agencies
Resources: Type 3 Incident Management Team (Robison)

Hand Crews	Engines Crews	Airplanes	Helicopters	Bulldozers	Other Personnel	Total Personnel
3	6	0	3	0	20	100

Weather Conditions: Close to triple digit heat with single digit relative humidity. Gentle, terrain driven winds.

Resources Threatened: Evacuations have been lifted. All structures that were threatened are now safe to enter. All road closures have been lifted, as well.

Yesterday's Activity: The fire started later in the evening so aircraft were unable to engage. Initial attack firefighters were extremely effective in identifying and protecting threatened structures. Crews worked throughout the night bolstering homes defensible space. At 3:00am on Sunday, 25 homes were evacuated as the flame burned actively overnight.

Today's Objectives: The fire died down as the sun came up, allowing crews on the ground and in the sky to be aggressive in their strategy and tactics. The lower portions of the fire were quickly suppressed. As the day went on, crews were able to move up the flanks of the fire, preventing it from moving up and down the valley. The only remaining active portion of the fire is higher up on the slope where it is burning in a wilderness area. In a conscious effort to preserve the area and limit the exposure to firefighters in steep rugged country, fire managers are utilizing natural geographic barriers as fuel breaks.

Tomorrows Objectives: Ground crews will continue to mop up the fire perimeter. Large increases in containment percentages are expected. Aerial resources will remain on scene and continue to contribute in suppression actions.

Remarks: Smoke will still be visible for many days as firefighters continue to contain and control the fire. Please be aware that the fire is still active and personnel will be moving in and out of the area.