

INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

BUCK BASIN FIRE

THURSDAY, JULY 16th, 2026

0600-2200

UT-UWF-200428 P4 EL6S (0419)



Check-in, Finance, IAP, Maps



Send CTRS to:

2026.BuckBasin.Finance@firenet.gov

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name:		2. Operational Period: DAY				
BUCK BASIN		Date/Time From: 07/16/2026 0600 THU	Date/Time To: 07/16/2026 2200 THU			
3. Objective(s): - Balance risk exposure with probability of success - Utilize area and road closures to maintain public safety - Limit impacts to Forest infrastructure - Protect cultural and natural resources - Communicate updated fire info to Agency Administrators, stakeholders and the public - Limit impacts to private structures and property						
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis: - Protect identified values at risk from unwanted fire impacts. - Implement aggressive direct strategies to the extent that is practical. - Minimize impacts to private lands by utilizing MIST tactics. - Utilize Risk Management decision making to provide for firefighter safety						
General Situational Awareness: - Do not take actions in terrain where firefighter risk is high and risk to values is low. - Follow Best Management Practices to prevent the spread of noxious weeds in the fire area. - Maintain heightened awareness on roadways.						
5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes ☐ No ☒						
Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:						
6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan): <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☒ ICS 202 ☒ ICS 203 ☒ ICS 204 ☒ ICS 205 ☐ ICS 205A ☒ ICS 206 </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ ICS 207 ☐ ICS 208 ☐ ICS 220 ☐ Map/Chart ☒ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents </td> <td style="width: 34%; vertical-align: top;"> Other Attachments: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ </td> </tr> </table>				☒ ICS 202 ☒ ICS 203 ☒ ICS 204 ☒ ICS 205 ☐ ICS 205A ☒ ICS 206	☐ ICS 207 ☐ ICS 208 ☐ ICS 220 ☐ Map/Chart ☒ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	Other Attachments: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
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7. Prepared by: SIERRA SAMPSON		Position/Title: PSC3	Signature:			
8. Approved by Incident Commander:		Name: Brock Tamowski	Signature:			
ICS 202		IAP Page	Date/Time:			

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

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3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:			
IC/UC	RILEY PILGRIM BROCK TAMOWSKI (T)		
SAFETY OFFICER	BRIAN PHILLIPS TRAVIS WRIGHT (T)		
INFORMATION OFFICER	BRENDA BUSHELL ELISSA LACOMB (T)		
LIAISON OFFICER	CHRIS BLINZINGER		
4. Agency/Organization Representative(s):			
Agency/Organization	Name		
UWC NATIONAL FOREST, USFS	KEN VERBONCOEUR MARSHALL BLOM (T)		
FIRE, FORESTRY & STATE LANDS	MIKE ERICKSON		
WASATCH COUNTY	JEREMY HALES		
LEAD READ	ANTHONY GRAY		
5. Planning Section:			
CHIEF	MORGAN MENDENHALL		
GIS SPECIALIST	DREW ELINE TRAVIS COOPER (T)		
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST	JENN BIGGS		
6. Logistics Section:			
CHIEF	PJ ABRAHAM ALEX HOUGHSTON (T)		
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	SCOTT SAUNDERS COLE FESSLER (T)		
ORDERING	PAUL CHASE MEGEN VAN CLEAVE (T)		
BASE CAMP MANAGER	CARLOS SANDOVAL (T)		
7. Operations Section:			
OPS SECTION CHIEF	GARRET HENRY		
DIVISION/GROUP	A	DAVE MARSELLA	
DIVISION/GROUP	Z	JAMES WILLIAMS	
8. Finance/Administration Section:			
CHIEF	JO ROBERTS		
9. Prepared By:		Position/Title: PSC3	Signature:
Name: SIERRA SAMPSON			
ICS 203	IAP Page	Date/Time: 07/15/2026 0910	



Buck Basin Fire Weather Forecast

FORECAST NO: 4

NAME OF FIRE: Buck Basin Fire

PREDICTION FOR: 0600 Thu. – 0600 Fri.

SHIFT DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

FORECAST ISSUED: 1400 Wednesday, July 15, 2026 **Signed:** Alex DeSmet /s/

WEATHER DISCUSSION: Expect scattered showers and thunderstorms to develop between 1400-1500 Thursday. Higher values of moisture are now in place, and thunderstorms will trend wetter through Friday. Gusty and erratic winds will be present near any showers and thunderstorms, with gusts in excess of 35 mph possible. Showers and thunderstorms will also carry a heavy rain threat, with rates in excess of 0.25 to 0.50 inches per hour in stronger thunderstorms especially between 1600-2000, with an isolated, heavy core capable of rainfall rates of 1 inch per hour. Overnight recovery will be good to excellent Thursday night once again.

Another round of showers and thunderstorms will occur Friday, with the threat of heavy rainfall, lightning, and gusty and erratic winds continuing.

TODAY (Thursday):

Weather: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms after 1400-1500.

Maximum Temperatures: 72-75F (Down 1-2F)

Minimum Humidity: 41-45% (Up 2-5%)

20ft Winds: ** GUSTY AND ERRATIC OUTFLOW WINDS IN EXCESS OF 35 MPH POSSIBLE **

Ridges - Variable 3-7 mph becoming northwest 5-12 mph late in the morning. Erratic wind direction and speeds after 1400 due to showers and thunderstorms.

Slopes - Terrain driven 5-10 mph

Mixing Height: Around 7000ft AGL

Chance Precipitation: Around 90%

Chance Lightning: 70% **Chance Wetting Rain:** 45-50%

TONIGHT (Thursday Night):

Weather: Mostly cloudy, slight clearing late. Scattered showers and thunderstorms through around 0300, then isolated showers overnight.

Maximum Humidity: 60-65% (Little change). If wetting rains occur, humidity will be higher.

20ft Winds: ** GUSTY AND ERRATIC OUTFLOW WINDS IN EXCESS OF 30 MPH POSSIBLE DURING THE EVENING **

Ridges - Northwest to north 5-15 mph **Slope/ Valley** - Downslope 5-10 mph

OUTLOOK FOR FRIDAY:

Weather: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with a chance for showers and thunderstorms after 1300-1400, then scattered showers and thunderstorms after 1500. Note that minimum humidity will drop into the 35-40% range if no rain, and overnight recovery will be higher if wetting rains occur.

Temperatures: Max: 67-70F (Down 1-2F)

Min: 54-57F (Down 1-2F)

Afternoon Humidity: Around 50-56% (up 10-15%)

Overnight Recovery: 70-75%

20ft Winds: ** GUSTY AND ERRATIC OUTFLOWS IN EXCESS OF 35 MPH POSSIBLE NEAR SHOWERS/ T-STORMS **

Ridges - Northwest 5-15 mph becoming southeast around 0900, then becoming southwest around 1200 **Chance**

Precipitation: 85-90% **Chance Lightning:** 75% **Chance Wetting Rain:** 75%

Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)

Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic

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4. Operations Personnel							
OPERATIONS CHIEF		GARRET HENRY		DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR		DAVE MARSELLA	
5. Resources Assigned this Period							
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time	
*C-1 CR2I REDDING IHC		07/20	DANIEL MALLIA	22			
C-5 CRW2 RED SKY		07/27	OSCAR MAGANA	20			
O-8 SMOD WEBER BASIN 61		07/16	ANDREW HATFIELD	5			
*E-1 ENG6 E631		07/22	TRISTON KING	7			
ENG6 E641		07/23		3			
O-11 READ		07/26	GEORGE FAUCI	1			
O-21 REAF		07/27	KARINA HAGER	1			
6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:							
Task: To stop forward progression of the fire and eliminate spotting potential.							
Purpose: To minimize impacts to Currant Creek Reservoir, and other identified values at risk.							
End state: Cold black 20ft in from perimeter around the whole division.							
7. Special Instructions:							
*= resources available for IA							
8. Division/Group Communication Summary							
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode	
COMMAND	1	172.400		164.825	146.2	A	
TACTICAL	2	168.050	110.9	168.050	110.9	A	
AIR TO GROUND	4	166.275		166.275		A	
AIR GUARD	6	155.340		155.340	156.7	A	
9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)			Approved By (Planning Section Chief)		Date	Time	
SIERRA SAMPSON					07/15/2026	0910	

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C-2 CRW1 SNAKE RIVER IHC		07/22	DAVID ROY	22			
C-4 CRW2 PNW FIRE		07/27	JOSE FIGUEROA	20			
O-33 SMOD K-RIVER DELTA			RUDY MOSES				
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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205				1. INCIDENT NAME			2. DATE/TIME PREPARED			3. OPERATIONAL PERIOD DATE/TIME		
				Buck Basin			07 /15/ 2026 1700			07/16/2026 From:0600 to 2200		
4. BASIC RADIO CHANNEL UTILIZATION												
Ch #	Channel Name	Assignment	RX Frequency Narrowband (N) Wideband (W)		RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency Narrowband (N) Wideband (W)		TX Tone/NAC	Mode Digital (D) Analog (A) Mixed (M)	Remarks		
1	CURRENT CRK	ALL DIVS	172.4000	N	_____	164.8250	N	146.2	A	NUIFC REPEATER		
2	TAC - 2	DIV A	168.0500	N	110.9	168.0500	N	110.9	A	_____		
3	TAC - 3	DIV Z	168.2000	N	110.9	168.2000	N	110.9	A	_____		
4	A/G PRI	ALL DIVS	166.2750	N		166.2750	N		A	_____		
5	Unassigned	Unassigned	Unassigned	N		Unassigned	N		A	Unassigned		
6	VMED 28	MEDEVAC	155.3400	N	156.7	155.3400	N	156.7	A	VMED 28 MEDEVAC		
7	AIR GUARD	AIR GUARD	168.6250	N	_____	168.6250	N	110.9	A	AIR GUARD		
8	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
9	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
10	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
11	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
12	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
13	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
14	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
15	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
16	_____	_____	_____	N	_____	_____	N	_____	A	_____		
I-205 Prepared By		Cole Fessler, COMT(t)										



AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY (ICS 220 WF)

1. Incident Name / Number Buck Basin			2. Date Prepared 7/15/2026	3. Time Prepared 1630	4. Prepared By Matt Flaig
5. Sunrise 0609	Sunset 2054	Pumpkin Time 2124	6. Shutdown 1930	7. Operational Period - Date 7/16/2026	8. Operational Period - Time 0600-2030

9. General Remarks, Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc. AA available on request 1PA available for IA and medical	10. Helibase Information Name: HCR Latitude: 40 28.90 Longitude: 111 25.72	11. Temp. Flight Restriction (TFR) NOTAM: 6/5463 Altitude: 15,500 Frequency: 119.875 Hours: 0700-2200 MT
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12. Extraction/Medevac Information			
	Medevac	Short-haul	Hoist
FAA#:			
Phone:			
Location:			
Capabilities			
Request Incident Personnel Extraction/Medevac Through: Northern Utah Dispatch (follow IAP Medical Plan)			

13. Incident Frequencies	RX	Tone	TX	Tone	AM/FM/Digital	14. Position	Name	Phone
A/A (TFR)	119.8750		119.8750		AM	AOBD		
A/A Rotor	128.2000		128.2000		AM	ASGS		
A/A Briefing/Handoff						HEBM		
A/G Primary	166.2750		166.2750		FM	HLCO		
A/G Secondary								
A/G Tactical						UAO		
DECK								
TOLC								

15. Equipment/Supplies

16. HELICOPTERS						
FAA #	TYPE	Make/Model	Helibase	Start	Avail.	Remarks
5CK	T1	Croman SH-S3	HCR	0800	0830	Available local IA, Bucket
0SV	T1	Sikorsky UH-60L	HCR	0800	0830	Tank
1PA	T3	AS350B3	42U	0900	0830	Available local IA, Bucket

17. AERIAL SUPERVISION: AIR ATTACK/HELICOPTER COORDINATOR						
FAA #	Call Sign	Make/Model	Base	Start	Avail.	Remarks

18. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)							
Identifier	Cat./Type	Make/Model	Location	Start	Avail.	Leader/Contact	Remarks
UR31	UAR3	Freefly Alta X	DP20	0730	0730	Virginia Price	207-415-0815

HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE

Safety First, Last and Always

INCIDENT: **Buck Basin Fire**

DATE: 7/16/26

Major Hazards and Risks:

- ❖ **STEEP TERRAIN:** Watch your footing at all times in steep terrain. We are receiving precipitation this week.
- ❖ **ROLLING ROCKS:** Watch and listen for rolling rocks...they are coming down.
- ❖ **DEHYDRATION:** Remember to drink 4-6 quarts of fluid each operational period.
- ❖ **DRIVING:** Watch distracted drivers driving in the area while trying to observe the fire.
- ❖ **HAZARD TREES:** Assess ALL Trees in Work Areas....In addition to suppression and mop-up operations, assess hazard trees where you sleep or take breaks.
- ❖ **ANIMALS:** Watch out for deer, elk, bears, rattlesnakes, and yellow jackets.
- ❖ **EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Leave yourself a way out. Safety zones and Escape Routes!

Narrative: So many of our tactics are based on generations of exposure and experience. Sometimes those exposures ended in tragedy. It is a difficult and painful way to learn but the present and future can be different. I believe every firefighter does his\her best to ensure the safety of all those on the line. It is because of this we say, "always remember". So, keep safety your first priority.

Defensive Driving

- Be a defensive driver at all times.
- Drive like other drivers don't see you.
- Be courteous to all vehicle traffic to and from the fire area(s).
- Give bicycle riders near town a 3 foot clearance when they are on roads.
- Don't have side bar conversations on the roads.... provide a margin of SAFETY for all road users.
- Keep an eye for roadside snags.
- Keep speeds slow on smoky or dirt roads.
- Watch for wildlife along the sides of the road.

HAZARD TREE SAFETY

Hazard Tree Indicators:

- ✓ Trees that have burned
- ✓ Shallow tree root systems
- ✓ Dead & broken top trees
- ✓ Leaning or hung up trees
- ✓ Many trees have no indicators

Get the picture?



Brian Phillips (SOFR)
Travis Wright (SOFR-T)

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206 WF)

Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic

Medical Incident Report					
FOR A NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT, WORK THROUGH CHAIN OF COMMAND TO REPORT AND TRANSPORT INJURED PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY. FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: IDENTIFY ON SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDER BY NAME AND POSITION AND ANNOUNCE "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" TO INITIATE RESPONSE FROM IMT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH.					
Use the following items to communicate situation to communications/dispatch.					
1. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH (Verify correct frequency prior to starting report) <i>Ex: "Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Emergency Traffic."</i>					
2. INCIDENT STATUS: Provide incident summary (including number of patients) and command structure. <i>Ex: "Communications, I have a Red priority patient, unconscious, struck by a falling tree. Requesting air ambulance to Forest Road 1 at (Lat./Long.) This will be the Trout Meadow Medical, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing medical care."</i>					
Severity of Emergency / Transport Priority	☐ RED / PRIORITY 1 Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE <i>Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented.</i> ☐ YELLOW / PRIORITY 2 Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary. <i>Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes.</i> ☐ GREEN / PRIORITY 3 Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport <i>Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.</i>				
Nature of Injury or Illness & Mechanism of Injury			Brief Summary of Injury or Illness (<i>Ex: Unconscious, Struck by Falling Tree</i>)		
Transport Request			Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other		
Patient Location			Descriptive Location & Lat. / Long. (WGS84)		
Incident Name			Geographic Name + "Medical" (<i>Ex: Trout Meadow Medical</i>)		
On-Scene Incident Commander			Name of on-scene IC of Incident within an Incident (<i>Ex: TFLD Jones</i>)		
Patient Care			Name of Care Provider (<i>Ex: EMT Smith</i>)		
3. INITIAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT: Complete this section for each patient as applicable (start with the most severe patient)					
Patient Assessment: See IRPG page 106					
Treatment:					
4. TRANSPORT PLAN:					
Evacuation Location (if different): (<i>Descriptive Location (drop point, intersection, etc.) or Lat. / Long.</i>) Patient's ETA to Evacuation Location:					
Helispot / Extraction Site Size and Hazards:					
5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / EQUIPMENT NEEDS:					
<i>Example: Paramedic/EMT, Crews, Immobilization Devices, AED, Oxygen, Trauma Bag, IV/Fluid(s), Splints, Rope rescue, Wheeled litter, HAZMAT, Extrication</i>					
6. COMMUNICATIONS: Identify State Air/Ground EMS Frequencies and Hospital Contacts as applicable					
Function	Channel Name/Number	Receive (RX)	Tone/NAC *	Transmit (TX)	Tone/NAC *
COMMAND					
AIR-TO-GRND					
TACTICAL					
7. CONTINGENCY: Considerations: If primary options fail, what actions can be implemented in conjunction with primary evacuation method? Be thinking ahead.					
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Updates/Changes, etc.					
REMEMBER: Confirm ETA's of resources ordered. Act according to your level of training. Be Alert. Keep Calm. Think Clearly. Act Decisively.					