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Utah Monroe Canyon Fire August 7th, 2025

Office of the Governor

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Posted on Governor's website on July 31st, 2025

"SALT LAKE CITY (July 31, 2025) — Gov. Cox today signed Executive Order 2025-08 declaring a 30-day state of emergency in response to escalating wildfires across Utah. The order, effective immediately, unlocks all available state resources to protect lives, homes, livestock and drinking-water supplies threatened by this year's severe fire season.

Utah has already experienced 693 fires in 2025, burning nearly 114,000 acres. The four largest active fires alone account for more than 100,000 acres burned, and suppression costs have surpassed \$103 million across local, state and federal agencies. Twenty-two Red Flag Warning days — marked by high winds, low humidity and critically dry fuels — underscore the extreme conditions firefighters face. These challenges follow record-low snowpack and precipitation that extended the warm, dry period in much of the state.

"Heroic efforts are underway as firefighters and emergency personnel work around the clock to save homes and neighborhoods," Gov. Cox said. "We are mobilizing every tool at our disposal to support them and keep Utahns safe."

The executive order activates the State Emergency Operations Plan, authorizes the deployment of the Utah National Guard if needed, and streamlines assistance for local governments under Utah Code §§ 53-2a-204 and 53-2a-206.

On Friday, Aug. 1, Gov. Cox will travel to the Monroe Canyon Fire to receive an on-site briefing, meet with local leaders and fire teams, and provide an update to members of the media. The Monroe Canyon Fire has burned more than 37,000 acres and destroyed seven cabins and homes. Shifting winds, abundant dry fuels, and fast-moving flames continue to threaten the surrounding community.

The governor will continue to urge residents to follow evacuation orders and stay clear of the area so first responders can operate safely and effectively.

Wildfire season remains in full force, and conditions are extreme. So far this year, 72%t of Utah's wildfires have been human-caused. The governor reminded the public that "fire sense" saves lives and property by reducing sparks from everyday activities and helping firefighters focus on blazes ignited by lightning.

Public safety and firefighter safety remain the top priority as Utah confronts the compounding threats of burn scars, debris flows, and post-fire flooding that linger long after the flames are out. The state of emergency will remain in effect for 30 days unless extended by the Legislature."

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Open Shelters: Please note currently there are no open shelters in the area. Please see the following link for the most updated information on available **shelters: Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross**

Department of Transportation

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) 4501 South 2700 West Salt Lake City, UT 84114 (801) 965-4000 UDOT | Keeping Utah Moving Utah DOT | Facebook Utah DOT (@UtahDOT) / X

Please see the following link for updated traffic conditions: UDOT Traffic

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at <u>Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211</u>.

United Way of Central and Southern Utah

Call 211 or (801) 377-6600 Text your zip code to 898-211 Find Resources and Help with Utah 211

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

FEMA.gov

Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: <u>Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov</u> to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

Home | disasterassistance.gov

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: <u>Search Your Location | FEMA.gov</u>

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: Active Alerts (weather.gov).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.

Safe Travel USA

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National Traffic And Road Closure Information

National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at https://www.liveandworkwell.com.