



# Sawtell Peak Fire

## Monday, September 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

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**Summary:** The Sawtell Peak fire is under the command of Wyoming Type 3 Team 5. The Sawtell Peak Fire is currently 34 acres with 20% containment 174 personnel assigned to the incident.

**Yesterday:** With the use of aerial resources earlier this weekend and the abundance of nearby water, firefighters were able to get a handle on the majority of hot spots within the fire area. An estimate of 40,000 gallons of water were dumped on the fire during the operational period via water tenders, engines and hose lay. As a result, there was no growth despite the red flag warning issued.

**Today:** Due to heavy fuel loads in the area, the risk of existing/unknown spot fires still exists. Firefighters will continue to work hot spots and secure the fire line. They will be gridding the area and mapping hot spots. An emphasis is being placed on finding these potential hazards. With the combination of current weather conditions, embers, and the abundance of dry fuels the risk is still present.

The structure protection group will continue to gather information to build a comprehensive structure map as a contingency. These proactive management tools are used to protect communities and other values from fire if the need should arise.

**Weather:** Weather conditions will be similar to yesterday with weaker winds predicted.

**Closure Order:** A Forest Closure Order was issued to protect public health and safety from the effects of the Sawtell Peak Fire. The area closure includes all National Forest System (NFS) land within the closed area depicted on the attached map, and Forest Website.

**Safety Message:** Please be mindful of fire operations and adhere to closures to the Sawtell area. With the holiday weekend ending, watch for increased traffic and congestion along with fire traffic. Remember, if you fly, we can't, please use drones responsibly and stay away from fire area. A temporary flight restriction is in place, NOTAM 2/1209.

Quick Facts	
<b>Fire Location</b>	¼ mile from Sawtell Peak along FS Road 24 on the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District.
<b>Approximate Acreage</b>	34 Acres, decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping.
<b>Containment</b>	20%
<b>Structures Threatened</b>	Communications Infrastructure
<b>Start Date</b>	8/31/2022
<b>Cause</b>	Lightning
<b>Incident Commander</b>	Wyoming Type 3 Team 5
<b>Fire Resources</b>	174 Personnel which includes 4 crews, 10 engines, 1 helicopter
Fire Information	
<b>Forest Website:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf</a>	
<b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/USFSCaribouTarghee">@USFSCaribouTarghee</a>	
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