Bridger-Teton National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Leeds Creek Fire Update for August 6, 2024

Pinedale, Wyo., August 6, 2024 – Fire crews continue efforts to suppress the Leeds Creek Fire on the Pinedale Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Minimal fire growth occurred yesterday, and the area received 0.1 inch of rain. Expect to see increased fire activity during the afternoon hours when it is hotter and drier. More precipitation is predicted, with gusty outflow winds.

The Leeds Creek Fire is currently 1,230 acres in size with 13 % containment, and is burning in mixed conifer, areas of logging slash and heavy dead and down fuels approximately 16 miles southwest of Dubois, WY. The fire was reported at 10:47 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024, by Forest Service staff who spotted smoke from the Union Pass area. Smoke from the fire may be visible from the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), Dubois and Pinedale. Cause of the fire is unknown.

The <u>Leeds Creek Area</u>, <u>Roads</u>, and <u>Trails Closure Order</u> (<u>map</u>) has been established for public and firefighter safety. See full details at https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/btnf/alerts-notices. Union Pass Road and South Fork Fish Creek Trail remain open under this closure. A reroute for the CDT has also been established. Visit the Continental Divide Trail Coalition's Closures and Alerts webpage to learn more at https://continentaldividetrail.org/closures-and-notices/.

Today, a type 1 helicopter will be on scene to provide water bucket drops, and two falling modules are working to clean up snags in the area to allow firefighters to more safely fight the fire direct. Crews are using natural holding features and have put in control lines around 95% of the fire's perimeter. Today, they will work to cover the remaining 5%. The Forest Service uses all available strategies and tools to suppress wildfires, and public and firefighter safety are the top priorities for fire managers.

Bridger-Teton fire managers and personnel are working in close coordination with the Shoshone National Forest and Sublette County Unified Fire. Resources assigned to the fire include a type 3 Incident Commander (IC), a helicopter, 3 dozers, 2 type 2 crews, 8 smoke jumpers, a wildland fire module, 3 resource advisors, 2 falling modules, multiple fire engines and 2 water tenders. The fire is currently staffed by 109 personnel.

Keep up to date on the Leads Creek Fire by visiting the InciWeb page at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-leeds-creek.

For more information about the Bridger-Teton, visit our website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf and follow us on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) @BridgerTetonNF.