Bridger-Teton National Forest

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Leeds Creek Fire Update for August 7, 2024

Pinedale, Wyo., August 7, 2024 – Fire crews continue efforts to suppress the Leeds Creek Fire on the Pinedale Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The fire is currently 845 acres in size with 13% containment. Yesterday, Teton Helitack flew the fire area and mapped a more detailed GPS perimeter of the fire. This showed that interior meadows along drainages within the fire perimeter haven't been burning. Because of this, reported fire acreage has dropped due to more precise mapping.

The Leeds Creek Fire 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 Union Pass. Smoke from the fire may be visible from the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), Dubois and Pinedale. Cause of the fire is unknown.

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. Today, fire crews will continue to reinforce established control lines to prevent future spotting. 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), 2 helicopters, 3 dozers, 2 type 2 crews, 8 smoke jumpers, 3 resource advisors, 2 falling modules, 5 fire engines and 2 water tenders. The fire is staffed by 112 personnel.

The <u>Leeds Creek Area, Roads, and Trails Closure Order</u> (map) 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/.

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

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