



CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE



Sunday, August 11, 2024

Clearwater Fire Phone Line: (307) 395-2334 - Limited phone service

Fire location	11 miles west of Wapiti, Wyoming	Size	1,896 Acres
Start date	7/19/2024	Containment	43%
Cause	Lightning	Personnel	142
Email: 2024.clearwater@firenet.gov	Incident Commander	Ron Steffens, Wyoming Type 3	

Operations - Much of yesterday’s work focused in the Elk Fork Campground area, where crews cut burned trees that could be a safety hazard when the campground eventually reopens. Crews also cleared brush and other debris and improved handline south into the Elk Fork drainage. The incident management team continues seeking opportunities to minimize spread on the fire’s southern perimeter.

Due to heavy fuels in steep, inaccessible terrain, the fire is likely to burn and smolder for some time in conifer forest, brush, and dead and down logs even if cooler temperatures and precipitation prevail.


Closures - Elk Fork Campground is closed indefinitely; Wapiti Campground and Clearwater Campground are closed until fire conditions allow otherwise. A road and trail closure are in effect at NFS Road #424, Elk Fork Road and NFS Trail # 760, Elk Fork Trail. [Click here](#) to view the closure order (#021404-24-03). For safety reasons, the public is asked to respect closed campgrounds and trails. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect until August 19, 2024.

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior – Today’s weather shows a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Thunderstorms will create gusty and erratic winds which may create smoke dispersal in the area and winds may affect fire behavior and growth.

Safety Information - The Shoshone National Forest implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions due to very dry conditions of fuels and continued hot, dry weather. [Click here](#) to view a copy of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions order (#02-14-04-24-04).

A USFS law enforcement officer continues to monitor traffic on Highway 14 to ensure drivers are traveling at a safe speed and watching for fire crews working near or on the roadway.

Fire activity remains high throughout the western U.S. and Canada, resulting in widespread smoke. Use the [Air Now link](#) to check air quality conditions; [click here](#) to view an overview map of fire activity.

Inciweb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire	 <p>QR Code for quick links to the Clearwater Fire</p>
Shoshone National Forest: http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone	
Smoke and Air Quality: Fire.airnow.gov	
Wyoming Roads: www.wyoroad.info	