



CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE

Wednesday, August 14, 2024



Wapiti Ranger District: (307) 527-6921

Fire location	11 miles west of Wapiti, Wyoming	Size	1,896 Acres
Start date	7/19/2024	Containment	62%
Cause	Lightning	Personnel	78
Email: evan.guzik@usda.gov	Incident Commander	Ron Steffens, Wyoming Type 3	

Operations – No fire growth was reported on Tuesday. The most recent aerial mapping showed the fire is holding heat primarily on the northern and western edges. As the fire is likely to burn and smolder for some time in heavy fuels and steep terrain, the incident management team will continue requests for aerial mapping as needed to accurately report updated acreage and areas of heat. Fire managers will continue work on the Clearwater Fire and take appropriate action based on factors such as complexity, fire behavior, weather, and safety.


Continued Fire Information – This is the final daily update that will be regularly posted. Further updates noting any change in fire activity or operations will primarily be posted on InciWeb on an as-needed basis at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater>. See related article on [How to Find Fire Information After Wednesday, August 14](#).

Beginning Wednesday, August 14, phone inquiries related to the Clearwater Fire can be directed to the Shoshone National Forest, Wapiti Ranger District at 307-527-6921. Written requests can be sent to the Shoshone Public Affairs Officer, Evan Guzik, at evan.guzik@usda.gov.

Closures – [Wapiti Campground](#) reopens today; Elk Fork 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.

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior – Remote weather stations recorded .25 inches of rain on the fire area yesterday. Today’s weather shows a continued chance of showers throughout the day, with thunderstorms possible in the afternoon.

Safety Information - Stage 1 fire restrictions are still in effect on the Shoshone National Forest. [Click here](#) to view a copy of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions order (#02-14-04-24-04). There have been no recent smoke impacts to Highway 14/16/20.

Inciweb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire	
Shoshone National Forest: http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone	
Smoke and Air Quality: Fire.airnow.gov	
Wyoming Roads: www.wyoroad.info	

QR Code for quick links to the Clearwater Fire