**Bridger-Teton National Forest** 

## **Forest Service News Release**

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## Fremont County Deputy Fire Warden Issues Pre-Evacuation Notice for US HWY 26/287 Corridor

## Fish Creek Fire Update for August 21, 2024

**Jackson, Wyo., August 21, 2024** – Strong winds produced large growth of the Fish Creek Fire on the Jackson Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Dry conditions and strong winds are expected to continue throughout the week, which may increase fire growth.

Fremont County has coordinated pre-evacuation notices and utilizes the "Ready, Set, Go!" alert system. See the alert notice on the <u>Fremont County Fire Protection District Facebook page</u>, which reads:

"On the authority of Deputy Fremont County Fire Warden, Ron Wempen; due to the increasing threat of the Fish Creek Fire west of Dubois, a Level 2 Evacuation Notice is now in effect for the following areas: US Highway 26/287 in the area of Mile Post 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. This also includes the following roads, houses, dwellings, campgrounds, and trailheads.

- Brooks Lake Road to include Brooks Lake Lodge
- West Pinnacle Dr.; all homes and/or dwellings
- East Pinnacle Dr.; all homes and/or dwellings
- Pinnacle Lane; all homes and/or dwellings
- Breccia Drive; all homes and/or dwellings

A Level 2 Evacuation means "Be Set" to evacuate. You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice."

Residents and recreationalists are encouraged to learn more about the "Ready, Set, Go" alert system.

- Ready, Set, Go! Fremont County, WY: fremontcountywy.org/government/departments/emergency management/index.php
- Ready, Set, Go! Teton County, WY: tetoncountywy.gov/1846/Ready-Set-GO

The lightning-caused Fish Creek Fire was discovered on Friday, August 16, in a remote area of the North Fork Fish Creek drainage, approximately 7 miles southwest of Togwotee Pass, and is currently 5,248 acres in size burning in heavy timber and dead and down fuels. Smoke from the

fire may be visible from Grand Teton National Park and Moran, Dubois, Jackson and Pinedale, WY. Firefighters are working to suppress the fire and keep it from moving towards infrastructure against the Forest boundary. Learn more at <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire</a>.

The <u>Fish Creek Area, Roads, and Trails Closure Order</u> (map) has been established for public and firefighter safety. See full details at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/btnf/alerts-notices">https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/btnf/alerts-notices</a>.

Smoke from the Fish Creek Fire is impacting US Highway 26/287. Please drive slowly and cautiously in the area with your headlights on.

For other news, events and information about the Bridger-Teton National Forest, call 307-739-5500, visit the Forest website at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf</a> and follow the Bridger-Teton on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="mailto:X (formerly Twitter">X (formerly Twitter</a>) @BridgerTetonNF.

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