



# CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE



Thursday, August 01, 2024

Clearwater Fire Information 307-213-9458 8am-8pm |

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## Quick Facts

Fire location:	11 miles West of Wapiti, Wyoming
Size:	1,167 Acres
Containment:	0%
Personnel:	106
Start Date:	7/19/2024
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jon Warder, Wyoming Type 3

## Online Links:

Inciweb:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire>

Shoshone National Forest:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone>

Smoke and Air Quality:

[www.fire.airnow.gov](http://www.fire.airnow.gov)

Park County Sheriff Office Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ParkCountySheriffCodyWY/>

**Scan the QR Code for quick links to the Clearwater Fire:**



**Summary:** The Clearwater Fire started on Friday, July 19th, 2024, in the early afternoon. The fire is located in the Elk Fork vicinity. The location of the fire is in very steep terrain that makes suppression efforts difficult when ensuring firefighter safety. The fire cause was from lightning.

The structure protection work at Bill Cody Ranch, Pagoda Summer Homes, and UXU Ranch is finished. Additional structure protection work will begin at Moss Creek and Aspen Summer Home groups.

Crews and helicopters are focusing fire containment efforts in the Elk Fork drainage. A portion of the fire is also visible above the Clearwater Campground, and crews are evaluating plans for containment there.

The Wapiti, Clarks Fork, and Greybull Ranger Districts of the Shoshone National Forest have implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions within all portions of the three districts, effective immediately. A copy of the order can be found at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/shoshone/alerts-notices>

**Closures:** Elk Fork Campground is closed indefinitely. Wapiti Campground, Big Game Campground, and Pagoda Summer Homes are all closed until fire conditions allow otherwise. These

closures provide public safety and increased access for fire resources. A road and trail closure are in effect at NFS Road #424, Elk Fork Road and NFS Trail # 760, Elk Fork Trail. The purpose of this Order is to protect human health and safety from the Clearwater fire. More information can be found: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/shoshone/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5175892>

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:** The fire is burning through timber, brush and thick, dead and down fuels on steep slopes. Weather has been moderate, but a return to hot and dry weather with less winds are predicted for Thursday through Sunday.

**Important Information:** Risk to responders and public safety remain the highest priority for the incident management team. The Clearwater fire has not been the only fire contributing to the smoke in the air. Smoke from fires in Canada as well as Idaho and the Northwest have been a steady influence across the area for many days. Use the link above for 'AirNow' to check current conditions and try to plan your outdoor activities when air quality is at a tolerable level. When dousing a campfire, 'drown, stir, feel for heat, and repeat' is the preferred method.