




CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE

Friday, August 02, 2024

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

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Quick Facts	
Fire location:	11 miles West of Wapiti, Wyoming
Size:	1,193 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:	Fire.airnow.gov
Wyo Roads:	www.wyoroad.info
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 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.

Fire activity on the Clearwater Fire increased on the afternoon of August 1. A combination of low humidity, warm temps and east winds allowed for more active backing and flanking movement toward Clearwater Campground. For public safety, Law Enforcement officials evacuated and closed the Clearwater Campground Thursday evening, August 1st.

Due to fire advancement off the steep slopes above the Clearwater Campground, a burnout operation is planned in the Highway Corridor in the morning hours between 8:00 and 11:00 AM, Friday, August 2nd for approximately one mile along the highway. Traffic flow will be restricted to one lane with the use of pilot cars for public and firefighter safety. This action is necessary to prevent further fire spread in the Corridor.

We request slow and careful driving. With increased traffic and low visibility, please drive with your headlights and fog lights on. For the latest information on highway closures, please visit the Wyo Roads website listed with the other online links.

Closures: Elk Fork Campground is closed indefinitely. Wapiti Campground, Big Game Campground, Clearwater

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-notice/?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 hot with low humidity and that will continue through Saturday. There is a chance of moisture for Sunday and Monday.

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.