




CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE



Sunday, August 04, 2024

Clearwater Fire Information: 307-213-9458 8am-8pm **Phone service coverage may be limited**

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Quick Facts	
Fire location:	11 miles West of Wapiti, Wyoming
Size:	1,751 Acres
Containment:	7%
Personnel:	110
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 vicinity of the Elk Fork drainage. The location of the fire is in very steep and remote terrain that makes direct attack on the fire very difficult while ensuring firefighter safety. The fire cause was from lightning.

It was an active fire growth day yesterday on the Clearwater Fire. East winds along with low humidities pushed the fire a few hundred acres up a drainage near the Highway 14 Corridor.

Crews proactively placed sprinklers around the UXU Ranch should fire growth threaten the property in coming days. No evacuations were necessary and containment efforts in the Elk Fork drainage have paid off. The Clearwater fire is now at 7% containment.

The Highway Corridor remains very busy and public safety is of highest concern.

Closures: Elk Fork Campground is closed indefinitely. Wapiti Campground, and Clearwater Campground are 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. While temperatures are going to be lower and relative humidities higher, gustier winds and thunderstorm outflow winds could drive more active fire behavior. There is a chance of monsoon moisture in the upcoming week.

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.

The Shoshone National Forest has also implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions, due to the very dry conditions of fuels and the likely continued hot and dry weather. A copy of the order can be found at:

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