




# CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE



Thursday, August 08, 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:	1,878 Acres
Containment:	10%
Personnel:	157
Start Date:	7/19/2024
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ron Steffens, Wyoming Type 3
<b>Online Links:</b>	
Inciweb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire</a>	
Shoshone National Forest: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone">http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone</a>	
Smoke and Air Quality: <a href="http://fire.airnow.gov">Fire.airnow.gov</a>	
Wyoming Roads: <a href="http://www.wyoroad.info">www.wyoroad.info</a>	
<b>Scan the QR Code for quick links to the Clearwater Fire:</b>	
	

**Summary:** Crews remain working on holding the fire south of Highway 14 and West of Pagoda Summer Homes and East of the UXU Ranch.

Engines will continue monitoring the highway corridor for smoke and spot fires through the evening. Fire crews are working diligently to establish control lines while cooler weather conditions are favorable.

Drivers along Highway 14 should maintain a safe speed in the fire area. The presence of a USFS law enforcement officer in the corridor is helping to manage traffic. Please do not enter closed campgrounds and closed trail areas so firefighters may work safely. These closures are for public and firefighter safety.

**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. More information at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/shoshone/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5175892>.

A temporary flight restriction is in effect until August 19, 2024

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:** In the coming days, cooler temperatures are foreseeable, though gusty winds with thunderstorm outflows could allow growth of the fire, particularly into the south end of the Elk Fork drainage. Air quality index is forecasted to remain GOOD for the next 48 hours.

**Important Information:** Managing the risk to responders and ensuring 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 implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions due to very dry conditions of fuels and continued hot, dry weather. A copy of the order is at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/shoshone/alerts-notices>

**Fire History:** 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 is burning on steep slopes in conifer forest, brush and dead and down logs. The fire cause was from lightning.