



# CLEARWATER FIRE UPDATE



## Monday, August 19, 2024

### Wapiti Ranger District (307) 527-6921

<b>Fire location</b>	11 miles west of Wapiti, Wyoming	<b>Size</b>	1,966 Acres
<b>Start date</b>	7/19/2024	<b>Containment</b>	67%
<b>Cause</b>	Lightning	<b>Personnel</b>	74
<b>Email:</b>	evan.guzik@usda.gov	<b>Incident Commander</b>	Sage Decker, Greater Yellowstone Area, Type 3 team


**A change of command took place last night as a new incident management team took operational control of the Clearwater Fire.**

**Operations** - Fire growth remains minimal on the Clearwater Fire, with containment increasing to 67% over the weekend. The fire will continue to burn and smolder for some time in heavy fuels and steeper terrain, expect to see more smoke this week with continued hot and dry weather. Fire managers will continue work on the Clearwater Fire and take appropriate action based on a number of factors including complexity, safety, fire behavior, and weather.

**Closures** - Elk Fork Campground is closed indefinitely; Clearwater Campground is closed until fire conditions allow otherwise. A road and trail closure are in effect at NFS Road #424, Elk Fork Road and NFS Trail # 760, Elk Fork Trail (021404-24-03). An area closure is also in place around the Clearwater Fire (021404-24-05) Copies of those orders can be found under “Alerts and Forest Orders” on the forest webpage or [here](#). For safety reasons, the public is asked to respect closed campgrounds and trails. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect around the fire.

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior** – Hot and dry conditions are expected through the week which will continue to dry out unburned areas making them receptive to fire once again.

**Safety Information** - The Shoshone National Forest implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions due to very dry conditions of fuels and continued hot, dry weather. [Click here](#) to view a copy of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions order (#02-14-04-24-04).

Inciweb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wyshf-clearwater-fire</a>	 <b>QR Code for quick links to the Clearwater Fire</b>
Shoshone National Forest: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone">http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone</a>	
Shoshone National Forest Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ShoshoneNationalForestOfficial">http://www.facebook.com/ShoshoneNationalForestOfficial</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>	