

# Fish Creek Fire Bridger-Teton National Forest Shoshone National Forest



Fire Information: 307-395-2351 Email: 2024.fishcreek@firenet.gov https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire

# August 24, 2024

Northern Rockies Team 1, Incident Commander Brent Olson

**Location:** 7 miles SW of Togwotee Pass **Start Date:** Friday, August 16, 2024

Cause: Lightning Size: 10,252 acres

Resources: 343 Total Personnel; 1 Masticator; 1 Feller Buncher; 1 Helicopter; 6 Hand Crews; 15 Engines; 1

Water Tender

### **KEY MESSAGES:**

Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 1, Incident Commander Brent Olson took command of the Fish Creek Fire at 6 am this morning.

The Bridger-Teton and Shoshone National Forests have issued an updated and joint closure order for the fire area. Details about this closure order can be found on the Fish Creek Fire inciweb site and the Forest's websites.

### **CURRENT STATUS:**

Today, crews are continuing to work on spot fires around the Pilot Knob area and utilizing air resources for suppression efforts. Through the weekend, work in the Pilot Knob area will tie suppression lines into surrounding meadows and other natural barriers in the Wind River drainage area.

With additional resources arriving, firefighters will bolster the structure protection efforts in the Brooks, Pinnacle and Breccia areas.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:**

A **Red Flag Warning** is in effect today for dry and windy conditions. Wind gusts of 35 to 40 mph will be possible by early afternoon, especially along ridgetops and exposed terrain. It will be much drier today with humidity dropping below 25 percent. Wind will start to decrease after 18:00.

Dry and windy conditions will increase fuel availability and lead to continued increases in fire activity throughout the day. This increase includes potential torching and crowning with max spotting distances of up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile possible.



### **CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS:**

US HWY 26/287 continues to have heavy smoke and limited visibility. Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is working closely with Fremont County Emergency Management and fire officials for the safety of motorists and firefighters. Drivers are encouraged to visit <a href="https://www.wyoroad.info/">https://www.wyoroad.info/</a> prior to traveling on US HWY 26/287 for road status and information, or download the **Wyoming 511** app at <a href="https://www.wyoroad.info/511/WY511Mobile.html">https://www.wyoroad.info/511/WY511Mobile.html</a>.

Residents of the Brooks Lake, Pinnacle Drive and Breccia Drive area remain in the Level 2 Evacuation notice. A Level 2 Evacuation means "Be Set" to evacuate. You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. See the alert notice on the Fremont County Fire Protection District Facebook page.

The <u>Fish Creek Area, Roads, and Trails Closure Order</u> (map) has been established for public and firefighter safety. See full details at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/btnf/alerts-notices.">https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/btnf/alerts-notices.</a>

For more information on the Fish Creek Fire, please visit the InciWeb page at <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire</a>. For other news, events and information about the Bridger-Teton National Forest, call 307-739-5500, visit the Forest website at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf</a> and follow the Bridger-Teton on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Million X (formerly Twitter)">X (formerly Twitter)</a> @BridgerTetonNF.

