

Bridger-Teton National Forest

## **Forest Service News Release**

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## Complex Incident Management Team Ordered to Suppress the Fish Creek Fire

**Jackson, Wyo., August 22, 2024** – The Fish Creek Fire was discovered on Friday, August 16, in a remote area of the North Fork Fish Creek drainage, approximately 7 miles southwest of Togwotee Pass. The lightning-caused fire is currently 7,798-acres in size burning in heavy timber, litter, understory and standing dead trees.

On August 21, A Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) was ordered for the Fish Creek Fire. A CIMT is mobilized during complex emergency incidents to provide a command-and-control infrastructure in order to manage the operational, logistical, informational, planning, fiscal, community, political, and safety issues associated with complex incidents.

Fire managers are expecting significant growth again on the Fish Creek Fire this afternoon with increased winds and warmer temperatures. The fires increased growth continues to produce heavy, dense smoke creating limited visibility on US HWY 26/287. Please drive slowly and cautiously in the area with your headlights on.

Fire management is working close with Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), Fremont County Emergency Management and additional Incident Management coordinators to provide safe transportation for motorists. Drivers are encouraged to visit <u>www.wyoroad.info</u> prior to traveling on US HWY 26/287 for road updates.

Fremont Emergency Management has issued a Level 2 Evacuation Notice for the following areas: US Highway 26/287 in the area of Mile Post 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 and the Brooks, Pinnacle and Breccia Drive areas. This also includes the following roads, houses, dwellings, campgrounds, and trailheads.

- Brooks Lake Road to include Brooks Lake Lodge
- West Pinnacle Dr.; all homes and/or dwellings
- East Pinnacle Dr.; all homes and/or dwellings
- Pinnacle Lane; all homes and/or dwellings
- Breccia Drive; all homes and/or dwellings

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 <u>Fremont County Fire Protection District</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

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

For more information on the Fish Creek Fire, please visit InciWeb page at <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire</u>.

For other news, events and information about the Bridger-Teton National Forest, call 307-739-5500, visit the Forest website at <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf</u> and follow the Bridger-Teton on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>X (formerly Twitter)</u> @BridgerTetonNF.

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