



Forest Service News Release

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Fish Creek Fire – Bridger Teton National Forest

Jackson, Wyo., August 20, 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 2651-acres in size burning in heavy timber, litter, understory and standing dead Engelmann spruce. Smoke from the fire may be visible from Grand Teton National Park, the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), as well as Moran, Dubois, Jackson and Pinedale, WY.

A Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team took over the Fish Creek Fire on Tuesday, August 20th. A Type 3 Incident Management Team is brought in for fires that exceed the firefighting resources a Forest has available.

Crews are utilizing a containment strategy, utilizing open drainages, previous fire burn scars and natural features for barriers.

Thunderstorms with variable and gusty winds are expected which could produce outflow winds that may affect fire behavior and growth.

Additional resources have been ordered to help suppress the fire, including a helicopter, helitack crew, 6 fire engines, and medical personnel. Fire managers and crews continue to scout potential control line locations and protect resources.

During the evening, smoke from the Fish Creek Fire may impact US HWY 26/287. Please drive slowly and cautiously in the area with your headlights on. For more information, please visit the fire's InciWeb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incide.../wybtf-fish-creek-fire>.

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