



PACK TRAIL FIRE Sunday, October 6, 2024 Update

Pack Trail Fire Phone: 307-395-2351

Total Acres: 54,487 **Email**: 2024.Packtrail@firenet.gov

Total Personnel: 417

Contained/Completed: This number is being recalculated due to the merger of the Pack Trail and Fish Creek fires.

The Upper Gros Ventre area (Goosewing and Elk Track Ranches) in Teton County have been put into a Level 2 "Set" Evacuation Warning.

Operations – Yesterday, due to wind gusts of 60 MPH, the west side of fire, parallel to the Purdy Fire footprint, experienced significant growth. The fire moved 7 miles, crossing the South Fork of Fish Creek halting at the Headwaters. In the Upper Gros Ventre area, airtankers will drop water along Burnt Ridge. Fire crews will begin scouting for features to hold the fire's advancement and will identify structures in need of protection. On the north side of the fire there was minimal growth. The fire on the east is moving downhill towards the 540 road. Crews will continue to strengthen the shaded fuel break, and utilize dozers, fixed wing aircraft and type 1 helicopters to keep the fire west of the road. East of Highway 26, in the Pinnacles and Brooks Lake area, firefighters will continue to lay hose, set up sprinklers and fill portable water tanks near structures. The Lava Fire Footprint is providing a fuel break to the south where fire is creeping and smoldering on the ground.

Safety - Drivers on US-26 may experience periods of smoke today due to high winds. Please use caution while driving, use headlights, and expect to encounter fire vehicles along the road. If planning travel on US-26 across the Continental Divide monitor WY-DOT for possible closures due to fire activity.

Teton Interagency Fire managers are maintaining the <u>Very High Fire Danger Rating</u> for Grand Teton National Park, the Bridger-Teton National Forest, and the National Elk Refuge. Due to excessively dry fuels, any spark can ignite fire which can spread rapidly, becoming a large fire and exhibit extreme fire intensity. Residents and visitors are urged to exercise extreme caution with fire or possible ignition sources, including campfires.

Weather – Last night after the Red Flag Warning expired at 9PM, the winds were calm, humidity rose to 70% and the temperature dropped below freezing for the first time in 2 weeks. Today will be smoky due to the overnight inversion that allowed smoke to collect in the valleys. The temperature, in the mid 60s, will be warmer than yesterday and wind from the west will pick up mid-morning at 15 MPH with gusts to 25.

Forest Closures - Closure Order #04-03-24-314 is in effect from October 1 through October 15, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. unless rescinded. This order supersedes previous orders, including #04-03-24-313, prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same described area. <u>Click here</u> to access the closure order and map on InciWeb.

Evacuations – The Upper Gros Ventre area (Goosewing and Elk Track Ranches) in Teton County have been put into a Level 2 "Set" Evacuation Warning. Evacuations and evacuation alerts for several subdivisions and ranches in Fremont County, WY remain in place. See the <u>Fremont County Emergency Management Fackbook Page</u> for alerts and updates. See the <u>Teton County Emergency Management website</u> updates and to sign up for emergency alerts through Everbridge.

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Pack Trail Inciweb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-pack-trail-fire
Fish Creek Inciweb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-fish-creek-fire