



PACK TRAIL FIRE

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Update

Fire Information Phone: 307-395-2351 | Email: 2024.Packtrail

Total Acres: 89,186 Confined: 62% Total Personnel: 541

Operations – The fire saw greatly moderated fire behavior today, however, there was not as much moisture as anticipated. As the week warms up and becomes windy, grasses and fine fuels will dry out again causing fire activity to increase. On the southern edge, the fire continues to smolder and slowly creep through thick duff and in some areas where there was not much moisture, grasses burned with flame lengths of 2-5 feet. Firefighters cooled down areas of heat to secure the fire line. Crews continue to put out hotspots, repair culverts, and clean up slash from the roadsides. On the west flank, crews patrolled the Bacon Creek area and are working to connect containment lines in rugged terrain above Elk Track Ranch. On the east side, crews continue to backhaul equipment, monitor, hold, improve containment lines. Crews who have UTV's will access deeper into the fire's footprint to help prevent deep ruts on the roads from heavy trucks.

Safety – Despite the recent precipitation, Teton Interagency Fire Managers are maintaining the Very High Fire Danger Rating for Grand Teton National Park, the Bridger-Teton National Forest, the Shoshone National Forest, and the National Elk Refuge. This precipitation was not a fire season ending event. Due to wind, fuels will begin to rapidly dry out when the snow melts. Any spark can ignite fire which can grow rapidly into a major incident. Residents and visitors are urged to exercise extreme caution with fires or other possible ignition sources. Never leave your campfire unattended, even for a moment. Always ensure someone is watching it or extinguish it completely before leaving. Drown the fire with water, stir the ashes, and feel with the back of your hand to confirm it is cool.

Please use caution while driving these areas, especially on narrow secondary roads. Always expect to encounter fire vehicles and heavy equipment in and around the fire area. Check with WY-DOT for possible closures due to fire activity, especially if you are planning to travel on US-26 across the Continental Divide. Closures are not expected, but with active fire in the area checking status before travel is recommended.

"If you fly, we can't." Remember that flying a personal drone over a fire area during a temporary flight restriction is illegal and can be an extremely dangerous threat to both our aviators and firefighters on the ground.

Weather – Today will be sunny and temperature will be 42-56 degrees with a minimum relative humidity's between 23% - 37%. Winds from the northeast will be 4-8 MPH with gusts up to 15. Warmer and drier weather will return over the week. To learn more about air quality, visit [Fire.AirNow.Gov](https://www.fire.airnow.gov).

Evacuations – Lava Mountain Lodge, Roaring River Subdivision, Buckboard Subdivision, Double Bar J Ranch, Lava Creek Ranch, Triangle C Ranch, Pelham Lake, Sheridan Creek Camp Areas, Old Mackenzie Ranch, Upper Gros Ventre, Darwin Ranch have been reduced to Level 2 "Set" status. Brooks Lake Lodge, Pinnacle, Breccia, and Long Creek, and Dunior areas have been reduced to a Level 2 "Ready" status. Union Pass subdivision remains in a Level 2 "Set" status. See the [Fremont County Emergency Management Facebook Page](#) for alerts and updates. See the [Teton County Emergency Management website](#) updates and to sign up for emergency alerts through Everbridge.

Road Closures – The Union Pass Road is closed on the Pinedale Ranger District (BTNF) from Mosquito Lake to the Moon Lake Road on the Wind River District (SHO). Moon Lake Road is also closed.

Forest Closures - Closure Order #04-03-24-317 is in effect from October 14, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. through November 15, 2024 at 12:00 a.m. unless rescinded. This order supersedes previous orders, including #04-03-24-316, prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same described area.

For more information, visit: **Facebook:** USDA Forest Service - [Bridger-Teton National Forest](#), USDA Forest Service - [Shoshone National Forest](#) **Pack Trail Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybt-f-pack-trail-fire>