



PACK TRAIL FIRE

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Update

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

Total Acres: 89,627 Confined: 64% Total Personnel: 563

Operations – On the north side of the Pack Trail Fire, crews will revalidate the natural features used for containment around Two Oceans Meadow, completing fire suppression repair where there is little fire activity. On the east flank, crews continue to mop up hotspots, cold trail the fire's edge, and complete suppression repair near the 546 Road and Fish Lake area. On the southern end of the fire, crews work from the Strawberry Warming Hut area to Buffalo Meadows, preparing for a strategic firing operation to clean up pockets of heat along the perimeter to make the area more accessible to fire crews. From Elk Track Ranch to Buffalo Meadows, crews are preparing to conduct a back-firing operation to clean up the fire perimeter along the western flank. These strategies are being used to strengthen, straighten, and secure the fire edge, diminishing the potential for hotspots to gain heat and momentum, which could make uncontrolled runs toward the containment lines. When a strategic firing operation occurs, smoke will be visible from Jackson.

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 reminded to exercise extreme caution with fires or other possible ignition sources. Follow local regulations regarding outdoor burning and fireworks.

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 partly to mostly cloudy with temperatures of 45-50 degrees with minimum relative humidity's between 25% - 30%. Winds from the southwest - west will be 9-14 MPH with gusts up to 25. A cold front will bring increased cloud cover and a chance for precipitation over the next few days. 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 1 "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>