



PACK TRAIL FIRE

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Update

Fire Information Phone: 307-395-2351 8am-8pm
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Total Acres: 89,639 Confined: 66% Total Personnel: 551

Operations – On the north side of the Pack Trail Fire, crews work to complete fire suppression repair where there is little fire activity. On the east flank, crews will assess and improve confinement lines along the 540 Road and the Lava Burn Scar connecting to natural features on Lava Mountain. On the fire’s southern end, crews continue working from the Strawberry Warming Hut area to Buffalo Meadows, securing the fire’s edge. On the western flank, crews work to connect confinement lines from Buffalo Meadows along Bacon Creek up to Elk Track Ranch. The forecast for gusty winds today may challenge firefighters as they work to harden the fire perimeter; snags created by the pine bark beetle and further weakened by the fire may pose a threat to firefighter safety.

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 a 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 in 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 50-55 degrees with minimum relative humidity’s between 25% - 30%. Winds from the southwest to the west will be 9-14 MPH with gusts up to 29. A cold front will bring increased cloud cover and a chance for precipitation over the next few days. Rain or snow showers are likely with snow levels lowering to 7,000 – 7,500 ft. 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>