

PACK TRAIL FIRE

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 Update Fire Information Phone: 307-395-2351 8am-8pm Email: 2024.Packtrail@firenet.gov

Next update will be provided Thursday, October 31, 2024

People & Equipment: 387 Personnel, 8 Crews, 7 Engines, 2 Helicopters, 9 Heavy Equipment, 3 Ambulances

Current Situation: The Pack Trail Fire is 89,930 acres, Fire Confinement 78%

Operations – Nevada Team 4 took command of the Pack Trail Fire today at 0600. On the north and east sides of the fire, crews continue to identify and prioritize suppression repair needs prior to the forecasted snow event. Cold trailing continues along the fire perimeter as safety hazards allow. On the southwestern flank, from Union Pass to the Strawberry Warming Hut, crews clean ditches and chip slash from shaded fuel breaks. Precipitation and cold temperatures continue to aid fire suppression efforts.

Safety – Residents and visitors are reminded to exercise extreme caution when dealing with fires or other possible ignition sources. Please use caution while driving in these areas, especially on narrow secondary roads due to snow or ice accumulation. Always expect to encounter fire vehicles and heavy equipment in and around the fire area. Check with WY-DOT for updated road conditions, especially if you are planning to travel on US-26 across the Continental Divide.

"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 our aviators and firefighters on the ground.

Weather—Widespread snow showers are expected from early morning Tuesday into Tuesday late night. Accumulations will range from 2-8 inches depending on elevation. Winter Weather Advisories and a Winter Storm Warning are in place Tuesday through 0700 Wednesday. Scattered snow showers are possible from Wednesday into Thursday. Highs on Tuesday and Wednesday should reach the 20s to mid-30s. Lows on Tuesday night should be in the teens to low 20s, with lows on Wednesday night even colder in the low to mid-teens. Another cold front is predicted to bring additional snow to the area Thursday night into Friday. Highs on Thursday and Friday will range from the mid-20s to mid-30s. To learn more about air quality, visit Fire.AirNow.Gov.

Evacuations – Evacuation areas have been reduced to a Level 1 "Ready" status for the Union Pass subdivision, Lava Mountain Lodge, Triangle C Ranch, and Old Mackenzie Ranch. All other evacuation areas have been rescinded. See the <u>Fremont County Emergency Management Facebook Page</u> for alerts and updates. See the <u>Teton County Emergency</u> <u>Management website</u> 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 - <u>Bridger-Teton National Forest</u>, USDA Forest Service - <u>Shoshone National Forest</u> **Pack Trail Inciweb:** <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wybtf-pack-trail-fire</u>