



PACK TRAIL FIRE Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Update

Pack Trail Fire

Total Acres: 60,676 Total Personnel: 563

Confined: 60%

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Operations – Yesterday, on the west side of the fire, parallel to the Purdy Fire footprint, the fire continued to move south into Leeds Creek, but remained east of Burnt Ridge. Fire crews are implementing structure protection in the Gros Ventre area and continuing to scout for natural and indirect holding features. On the north side, there was minimal fire activity. Road crews are continuing repairs and grading on Flagstaff Road. On the east, if weather permits, fire crews will conduct a strategic firing operation to improve control lines and reduce dry and flammable fuels. Firefighters continue to strengthen indirect holding lines near the 540 Road. East of Highway 26, in the Pinnacles and Brooks Lake areas, crews will continue to set up sprinklers and place structure protection as needed. On the south, fire crews will continue to build an indirect line along the 553 Road.

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. Always build your campfires away from dry grass, leaves, and overhanging branches to reduce the risk of spreading wildfire. Clear at least a 10-foot perimeter around your fire, removing any flammable material, and make sure your fire is dead out and cool to touch before you go to sleep, or leave the area.

Weather – Last night the winds were calm, humidity recovered to 60% and the temperature was between 22-40 degrees. Due to the overnight inversion that allowed smoke to collect in the valleys, today will be smoky again. Today will be partly cloudy, temperature in the mid 60s, and wind from the west/northwest will increase to 10 MPH once the inversion lifts with gusts to 28 near the ridgetops. To learn more about air quality, visit Fire.AirNow.Gov.

Forest Closures - Closure Order #04-03-24-315 is in effect from October 7 at 12:00 p.m. through November 1, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. unless rescinded. This order supersedes previous orders, including #04-03-24-314, 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 Facebook 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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