



PACK TRAIL FIRE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 Update

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

Total Acres: 60,676 (IR Information is delayed – no updated acreage)

Total Personnel: 571 Confined: 60%

Community Meeting Thursday October 10, 2024 at 6 P.M. at Museum of Military Vehicles in Dubois

Operations – Yesterday, the Pack Trail Fire pushed southeast into Leeds Creek. Last night, fire crews implemented structure protection in the Cowboy Camp area. Today crews will continue to scout for natural and indirect holding features and build an indirect line along 553 Road. Road crews are beginning work on Union Pass to improve road safety for firefighter vehicles and enhance the fuel break. The west side continues to back down Burnt Ridge. Firefighters will implement structure protection at Elk Track Ranch and Gros Ventre area. Last night, firefighters accomplished a small tactical firing operation to improve control lines and reduce dry, flammable fuels near the 540 Road on the east side. Crews continue to improve indirect holding lines in this area. Sprinklers and structure protection are being implemented in the Long Valley, Teton Youth Camp and Union Pass Subdivision areas. On the north side, there was no new fire activity, but some heat remains in the interior and smoke may be visible. Road crews completed repairs and grading on Flagstaff Road, where crews will continue to patrol.

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 [Very High Fire Danger Rating](#) 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 75% and the temperature was between 27-40 degrees. Today will be sunny, temperature in the mid 60s, 10 degrees higher than average, humidity 17-22% and wind speeds from 6-10MPH from the west/southwest with gusts to 24. To learn more about air quality, visit Fire.AirNow.Gov.

Road Closures – Union Pass Road is closed from Union Pass to Buffalo Meadow for firefighter safety.

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 [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.

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.

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/wybtbf-pack-trail-fire>