



Great Basin Team 4 Type 2 Incident Management Team Berry Fire Update

Sunday, 4 September 2016

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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4954/>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Total Personnel
July 25	Lightning	14,551 acres	3	10	5	274

Summary: Since its discovery, Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) has been actively managing the Berry Fire for ecological benefits. The fire originated in the northern portion of the park, near Berry and Owl Creeks on the west side of Jackson Lake. Extreme fire behavior as a result of high winds and low relative humidity on Monday, August 22 pushed the fire across Jackson Lake and into the Teton Wilderness on the Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF), closing the highway between Leeks Marina and the South Gate to Yellowstone Park for eight days. A Type 2 Great Basin Incident Management Team (IMT) took command of the fire on August 24th. To date, the Berry Fire has burned 13,028 acres on National Park Service lands and 1,513 of National Forest System lands.

Closures: Most of the pullouts within the fire area along Highway 89/191/287 are closed for fire traffic and supply staging zones. Area and trail closures are still effective within GRTE, Yellowstone National Park, and BTNF. Current closure maps are available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/maps/4954/>. The Grassy Lake Road is closed just past Flagg Ranch. The Headwaters Lodge convenience store and gas station at Flagg Ranch are both open for business; however, there will be no overnight guests until the evacuation advisory is lifted.

Current Situation: There was little fire activity on the Berry Fire yesterday. Though the morning was warm and sunny, it was not enough to counteract the rain that fell over the fire area late Friday. Afternoon clouds soon arrived, bringing sprinkling rains and increasing humidity.

A remote fire camp that had been established near the mouth of Glade Creek was removed yesterday and all personnel are now at the main fire camp at Sled Creek, off Highway 191. Due to the incoming weather, all firefighters hiked or were flown from the west side of Jackson Lake. That west side of the fire will continue to be monitored either by aerial firefighting resources or by personnel from the east side of the lake. Several resources are being released from the Berry Fire to either return home or be assigned to other ongoing fires.

A large swath of precipitation is entering western Wyoming from the northwest. Widespread showers are expected throughout today with potential for cumulative rain of up to 0.5" by tomorrow. A Type 3 IMT will be arriving on the Berry Fire today to transition with the current Type 2 IMT; they will assume command of the Berry Fire operations on Monday evening.

For more information: Follow Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest on social media: @GrandTetonNPS and @BridgerTetonNF on both Facebook and Twitter. Information on other fires in western Wyoming is available at www.TetonFires.com.



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