



Teton Interagency Fire Type 3 Incident Management Team Berry Fire Update

Wednesday, 7 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	2	5	4	129

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. To date, the Berry Fire has burned 13,028 acres on National Park Service lands and 1,523 of National Forest System lands.

Closures: Most of the pullouts within the fire area along Highway 89/191/287 are still closed for fire traffic and supply staging zones. Area and trail closures are in effect within Yellowstone National Park, and BTNF. The Grassy Lakes Road has been reopened for day use only. Lands and waters are still closed south of the Grassy Lakes Road from the western boundary of the John D. Rockefeller Parkway easterly to Grassy Lake Camp 4. Current closure maps are available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/maps/4954/>. The Headwaters Lodge convenience store and gas station at Flag Ranch are both open for business; however, there will be no overnight guests until the evacuation advisory is lifted.

Current Situation: The local Teton Interagency Fire Type 3 Incident Management Team has been managing the fire to protect the public, park and forest infrastructure. Crews are working to complete fireline along the powerline corridor to prevent fire spread southward. Along the northern containment line, firefighters are beginning suppression repair work to help meet ecological objectives and minimize the human impact on the landscape.

Today, a cool, dry trend will prevail with temperatures expected to remain in the mid to low-60s and west winds of 10-15 mph with gusts of 23 mph. Temperatures will increase slightly on Thursday and relative humidity may reach as low as 18%, increasing the potential for significant fire behavior.

Firefighting resources will remain on the fire to monitor fire behavior while allowing the Berry Fire to play its natural role on the landscape. Where necessary, they will take action to limit impacts to commerce and infrastructure. Firefighting resources will be ordered or released to accommodate the needs of the fire over the next several weeks, until the long-term weather pattern brings more rain or snow to the vicinity.

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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