



## Tie Canyon Fire Update

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### Places to Find Fire Information:

#### Website:

InciWeb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4987/> |

Teton Co.: <http://tetoncountyidaho.gov/>

City of Victor: <http://www.victorcityidaho.com/>

#### Facebook:

Team 5: <https://www.facebook.com/GBIMT5/>

Teton Co: <https://www.facebook.com/tetoncountyidaho>

City of Victor: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofvictor/>

**Location:** Burning 10 Miles South of Victor, Idaho

**Start Date:** Aug. 22, 2016 at 7:15pm

**Cause:** Human, Under Investigation

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**August 27, 2016 – 9 a.m.**

**Contained:** 25%

**Size:** 1,260 acres

**Total Personnel:** 250

#### Resources:

- Crews: 7
- Helicopters: 3
- Engines: 9

**Victor, ID** – Near critical fire conditions are in store for firefighters today. A low pressure system moving through the Northern Rockies is forecasted to increase southwest winds and temperature. Conditions will also become drier than it has been the past couple days. Mostly cloudy skies may help some; however, increased southwesterly winds are expected to promote group and single tree torching, especially in the southeastern flank near Tie Canyon.

The wind will test containment lines along the north and northeastern flank, an area that triggered a Level 1 evacuation notice for residents and home owners in Pole Canyon Road and in Hidden Waters Subdivision. Firefighters have concentrated their efforts in this area the past several days to extinguish hot spots and enforce containment lines. Today, they will monitor the fire and extinguish any heat that may occur.

Once firefighters, law enforcement and the Forest feel it is safe, the Level 1 evacuation notice will be lifted. This wind test is necessary to provide fire managers with a good litmus test to ensure it is safe to remove the evacuation notice. The wind is forecasted to last through the weekend. It will be lifted as soon as possible.

Airtankers and helicopters will be available today to provide water to firefighters constructing direct handline on the southeast flank where the fire remains the most active in the Tie Creek and Coalmine drainages. Hoses, water pumps and other equipment will be used to assist firefighters with containment efforts as they construct and extinguish hot spots at least 100' from the fire's edge.

Firefighters are extinguishing hot spots and repairing dozer lines of the eastern flank in the Coalmine area that were established during the first several days of the fire. They are following specific guidelines that will minimize visibility and help restore the landscape as quickly as possible.

Over 130 residents and interested public attended a community meeting in Victor, Idaho last night. The Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, and the Teton Country Sheriff made presentations to discuss the fire situation, evacuation levels and the plan moving forward for the evacuation notice. Forest managers, local firefighters and the Idaho Fish and Game also discussed the fire area closure order, provided additional information on area fires and shared guidance regarding future hunting opportunities in preparation for the opening day of bow season.

Highway 31 is open however it is strongly recommended an alternative route is used when possible due to low visibility on Pine Creek Pass and heavy fire response traffic. Instead, people are asked to travel through Rexburg.

Smoke in the morning and evenings will be visible. This smoke is coming from several area fires burning in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and numerous fires burning on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. To view smoke information, visit the Idaho Smoke Blog spot at: <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com>

**Evacuations In Effect:** No mandatory evacuations are in effect. A Level 1 evacuation notice is in place to prepare residents and property owners south of 10000 West (Pole Canyon Road) and in Hidden Waters Subdivision.

**Area/Trail Closures:** A Tie Canyon Fire Area Closure is in effect. This includes areas west of Pole Canyon, Tie Canyon Road 252 and Upper Rainey Creek Road 253. To view a map of this area closure, visit: [http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/IDCTF/2016-08-24-1620-Tie-Canyon-Fire/related\\_files/pict20160726-155651-0.jpeg](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/IDCTF/2016-08-24-1620-Tie-Canyon-Fire/related_files/pict20160726-155651-0.jpeg)