



## Tie 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>

Teton Co. Fire & Rescue:

<https://www.facebook.com/TetonCountyFireRescue/>

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

**August 31, 2016 – 9 a.m.**

**Contained:** 60%

**Size:** 1,031 acres

**Total Personnel:** 449

**Resources:** Crews: 12 Helicopters: 5 Engines: 14

**Victor, ID** – There will be a Public Meeting Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm at Victor Elementary School, 43 East Center Street, Victor, ID. A fire update will be provided by the Incident Command Team. The Teton County Idaho Sheriff and Caribou-Targhee National Forest will address the emergency evacuation notice and the area fire closure currently in effect for the Tie Fire. All are welcome to attend.

Strong southeast winds arrived early today across the fire area. They are expected to increase throughout the day. On the southern flank, these wind will push the fire back onto itself, reducing the potential for fire growth. It will test containment lines on the northern flank where engine and hand crews have spent several days enforcing containment lines.

Afternoon winds and increased cloud cover moderated yesterday's fire activity. This helped firefighters reach 60% containment. Widespread single tree torching within the Tie Creek drainage was observed. Hoselays strategically laid out to cool hot spots are being heavily use by firefighters. Surface fire is mostly creeping and smoldering within the understory of the fir and aspen overstory. This slow growth accounts for the 15 acres of growth yesterday.

Local cooperators responded to a small wildfire yesterday outside Swan Valley, ID. The Tie Fire assisted with the response by providing three helicopters and a handcrew. The wildfire was successfully extinguished last night and all fire resources returned to camp. Additional resources will be available today should the local community need assistance.

An approaching cold front will bring near critical fire weather today and Thursday as temperatures climax into the mid 80's. Very dry conditions exist which will make it easier for fires to spread quickly. While there are no fire restrictions in place on the Caribou - Targhee National Forest in Idaho; open burning is not allowed in Teton County, Wyoming. As bow hunters prepare for hunting trips, all recreationalist are encouraged not to use campfires unless absolutely necessary. For more information about Idaho Fire Restrictions, visit: <http://www.idahofireinfo.com/p/fire-restrictions.html>.

Weather and fuel conditions in Eastern Idaho are currently drier and more severe than normal. Starting Wednesday or Thursday of this week, a slight cool down may be occurring with chances of moisture. Behind the front the weather may warm up for a few days, but cooler wet weather is expected in the 8-14 day outlook. While enjoying the outdoors, please use caution if you must use a campfire or other equipment that may cause a spark.

The Teton County ID Sheriff's Office will be holding a Code Red Registration Opportunity tonight, August 31 from 5:00- 7:00pm at the Law Enforcement Center in Driggs, ID. This Opportunity is intended to help residents sign up for the emergency Notification System. For more information about the Code Red Notification System, or to sign up, please visit the Teton Country Sheriff's Office web page at: <http://www.tetoncountysheriff.com/>

Teachers and students are returning to school. Road guards are stationed along Elm Street to assist with directing traffic. Heavy equipment will be leaving fire camp early in the mornings and returning in the evening between 7pm-9pm.

**Evacuations In Effect:** No mandatory evacuations are in effect. A Level One evacuation notice is in effect for residents and property owners south of 10000 South; east of Highway 31, west of 1000 West (Pole Canyon Road) and west of Highway 31, south of 9000 South.

**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)