



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: Undetermined

September 5, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Contained: 94%

Size: 1,031 acres

Total Personnel: 200

Resources: Crews: 4 Helicopters: 2 Engines: 7

Victor, ID – Mild conditions allowed firefighters to gain an extra 10% of containment yesterday, bringing the total to 94%.

Containment to firefighters means they are confident the fire will not escape once leaving. For Great Basin Team 5, this also means dozer and handlines constructed to stop the fire's growth is repaired and equipment is returned, leaving as little trace behind as possible.

As of today, firefighters have removed all but 2.5 miles of hose. The excavator repairing dozer lines in the northern flank completed its work last night and will return home today. The remaining work is located in the deeper reaches of Tie Creek. Pulaskis, hoses and bladder bags are the primary tools firefighters are using to extinguish the heavy logs and duff still smoldering. This is laborious work requiring muscle, endurance and patience.

The fire received about .2 of an inch of rain last night which will greatly help today. Two handcrews and two engines will be working in Tie Creek turning and scraping logs to expose the remaining hot spots to cold, damp air. When this is done, the remaining repair work will begin and hoses, pumps and other equipment will be hauled back to camp. Firefighters will be patrolling the North, East, West and most of the Southern flanks the next few days to ensure the fire's perimeter is out.

The rain last night was not enough to extinguish the fire that is smoldering in the fire's deeper interior. Until a significant weather event occurs, occasional flair ups in the Fire's interior may be observed.

The Incident Command Post, located in Pioneer Park in Victor, ID will not be open to the public for the duration of the incident. Heavy equipment and camp crews are starting to take down yurts, move supplies and restore the park back to its original condition.

A transfer of command from Great Basin Team 5 to a smaller organization will occur tomorrow morning at 6am. This organization will support the remaining firefighters working in Tie Creek and manage the decreasing fire organization. By weeks' end, the only firefighters left working on the Tie Fire will be from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Great Basin Team 5 would like to express our deep appreciation for the support the City of Victor has lent to the 450 firefighters that worked throughout the incident. Your posters, camp visits, Facebook posts and overall acceptance of the firefighters made us feel welcomed and appreciated.

The final update for the Tie Fire will be tomorrow unless significant activity occurs. At that time, questions about the Fire or the Area Closure should be directed to the Teton Basin Ranger District.

Area/Trail Closures: A Tie Canyon Fire Area Closure will remain in effect until the fire area is deemed safe to travel through. 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

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