CLIFF CREEK FIRE
July 30, 2016
UPDATE

Contact Fire Information: **844-708-7666** Hours: 7a.m. - 7 p.m.

Date of Detection: July 17, 2016
Current Size: 27,868 acres
Location: 5 Miles North of Bondurant Wyoming
Legal Description: 43 x 14 x 21 Latitude, 110 x 29 x 28 Longitude
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 47%

Resources on Fire: There are currently 695 personnel on this incident, including the following resources:

CREWS	TYPE 1 HELICOPTERS (HEAVY)	TYPE 2 HELICOPTERS (MED.)	TYPE 3 HELICOPTERS (LIGHT)	ENGINES	DOZERS
17	5	1	4	21	2

On Highway 189/191, for the <u>SAFETY</u> of the firefighters and highway travelers, no passing is allowed in passing zones and no stopping along the roadway or parking in pullouts within the fire area.

- The Cliff Creek fire was discovered on the Bridger-Teton National Forest at 2:30pm on Sunday, July 17, approximately 5 miles north of the town of Bondurant Wyoming.
- Great Basin Incident Command Team 7 is managing the fire.
- The fire is being actively suppressed with a mixture of ground crews and aerial resources. Where fire is moving towards the Gros Ventre Wilderness and the Shoal Creek Wilderness Study Area, fire will be permitted to play, as nearly as possible, its natural ecological role in the wilderness.
- The Cliff Creek Fire has received additional air resources. These aerial resources will continue to support firefighters throughout the fire area.
- Firefighters will continue to reinforce fire line in the Granite Creek Drainage.
- Fire objectives include keeping the fire south and east of the Granite Creek Drainage bottom and north of Dell and Jack Creek.
- The firefighters are planning to continue burnouts. A burnout is setting fire inside a control line to consume fuel between the edge of the fire and the control line. Often referred to as "fighting fire with fire," the controlled burn will burn strip(s) of vegetation to create a barrier to the oncoming by using up all the available fuel between the burnout and the fire. It may take firefighters several days to complete the burnout operation. During burnout operations, the public can expect to see an increase in smoke coming from the fire area.
- Teton County Emergency Management issued a mandatory evacuation order for the Granite Creek area including Granite Campground, Granite Hot Springs, Jack Pine Summer Homes, and the Safari Club.
- A red flag warning is in place today for gusty winds, low relative humidity, and a high Haines Index. A red flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.
- The Bridger-Teton National Forest has instituted an Emergency Area Closure, Order #04-03-560. Kozy and Granite Campgrounds are within this area closure.

For more information on the Cliff Creek Fire, visit Teton Interagency Fire Dispatch at www.TetonFires.com and the InciWeb page, http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4865/.

For related evacuation information, visit Teton County Emergency Management at http://www.tetonwyo.org/em/ and Facebook pages updated by Sublette County Emergency Management at https://www.facebook.com/Sublette-County-Emergency-Management-579372758805868/?fref=nf and Bridger Teton National Forest Facebook page at ***https://www.facebook.com/BridgerTetonNF/***

<u>Wildland Fire and Incident Management Definition of the Day:</u>
Overhead: Personnel assigned to supervisory positions, including incident commander, command staff, general staff, branch directors, supervisors, unit leaders, managers and staff.