



CLIFF CREEK FIRE

August 10, 2016

UPDATE



Contact Fire Information: 307-367-5748 or 307-413-0285 - Hours: 7a.m. - 7 p.m.

Date of Detection: July 17, 2016

Current Size: 32162 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: 97%

Resources on Fire: There are currently 119 personnel on this incident, including 3 handcrews, 2 engines, and 1 Type 3 helicopter.

Remarks:

- ✓ Area Closure in effect
- ✓ Stage 1 Fire Restrictions currently in effect

The Bridger-Teton National Forest will be revising the Emergency Area Closure Order to allow for overnight camping in the Granite Creek drainage. As of Wednesday, August 10, the public will not be restricted to the 'day use only' closure that has been in place since the area opened on August 6. The fire area to the east of the river will remain closed to public access due to hazards that exist in the burned area

Discussion: Fire activity increased on Tuesday due to Red Flag conditions; strong gusty winds and low relative humidity. Weather is expected to remain warm and mostly dry through the weekend.

Firefighters continue mopping up hot spots, monitoring the fire, and backhauling unneeded equipment and supplies.

The Cliff Creek Fire is using natural barriers in the Shoal Creek Wilderness Study Area and the Gros Ventre Wilderness to confine the fire's northern boundary to minimize firefighter and aviation exposure to danger and to allow fire to play a natural role in the Wilderness. Fire is one of the only tools nature has to restore the forest habitat to natural conditions. In the spring, fire treated areas will bring a new flush of wildflower blooms and additional vegetation wildfire can feed on.

Area/Trail Closures: The Bridger-Teton National Forest Emergency Area Closure, Order #04-03-562 will be revised to allow public access to areas WEST of Granite Creek and overnight camping will be allowed in the Granite Creek drainage outside of remaining Closure Area. Granite Creek Campground and Granite Hot Springs will be open to the public. The area closure remaining in effect will encompass the area east of Granite Creek, the ridge north of Granite Hot Springs within the Gros Ventre Wilderness, and easterly to the Sawtooths and south along the Shoal Creek Wilderness Study Area to Jack Creek Basin and the private land boundary.

The modified Closure Order and accompanying map will be posted on Inciweb, Teton Fires, and the Bridger-Teton NF website as well as key locations in the affected area.

For more information, visit www.TetonFires.com, InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4865/> and Bridger Teton National Forest Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BridgerTetonNF/>

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