



Great Basin Team 4 Type 2 Incident Management Team Berry Fire Update

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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4954/>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Total Personnel
July 25	Lightning	14,136 acres	5	15	7	348

Summary: Since its discovery, Grand Teton National Park has been actively managing the Berry Fire for ecological benefits. The fire originated in the northern portion of the park, near Berry and Owl Creeks on the west side of Jackson Lake. Extreme fire behavior as a result of high winds and low relative humidity on Monday, August 22 pushed the fire across Jackson Lake and into the Teton Wilderness on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, closing the highway for several days. A Type 2 Great Basin Incident Management Team took command of the fire on August 24th.

Closures: Most of the pullouts within the fire area along Highway 89/191/287 are closed for fire traffic and supply staging zones. Area and trail closures are still effective within Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and Bridger-Teton National Forest. Current closure maps are available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/maps/4954/>. The Grassy Lake Road is closed just past Flagg Ranch.

Current Situation: Fire management efforts to date have been successful in accomplishing the objectives for the Berry Fire with priorities placed on public and firefighter safety. Highway 89/191/287 remains open, and firefighters continue to secure the roadway for public and firefighter use. Point protection measures have been implemented around all of the numerous cabins, ranches, and other park values that could potentially be affected by the fire. In areas where appropriate, the fire is being monitored for ecological benefit on the landscape.

The Headwaters Lodge convenience store and gas station at Flagg Ranch are both open for business. It was previously misreported that they had closed for the season. An evacuation advisory is still in place for Flagg Ranch; therefore, there will be no overnight guests until the advisory is lifted.

Fire behavior and conditions today and tomorrow will rely heavily upon how much cloud cover will create shade over the fire area, potentially moderating the intensity of the fire. Multiple factors, including very dry fuels, hot temperatures, low relative humidity, high winds, and possible thunderstorm activity have resulted in the issuance of a Red Flag Warning that increases the awareness and vigilance of firefighters.

For more information: Follow Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest on social media: @GrandTetonNPS and @BridgerTetonNF on both Facebook and Twitter. Information on other fires in western Wyoming is available at www.TetonFires.com. And information on fires burning in eastern Idaho can be found at www.IdahoFireInfo.com, or by filtering Idaho incidents on InciWeb.



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