



News Release

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Cliff Creek Fire Update:

Granite Creek evacuation still in effect; Fire crews set up to protect structures in canyon

Jackson, Wyo. – July 20, 2016 – An evacuation order remains in effect for the Granite Creek area, where wildland fire crews are concentrating efforts on protecting an estimated 30 structures. As of this morning, the Cliff Creek Fire had not extended into the Granite Creek drainage.

Approximately 30 firefighters and 10 fire engines have been assigned to the Granite Creek drainage to patrol, assess and perform wildfire mitigation efforts around structures, which include the Safari Club International, Jack Pine summer homes and Granite Hot Springs pool facilities, according to Mike Moyer, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Battalion Chief and Teton County Agency Representative to the Cliff Creek Incident Management Team.

Crews are ensuring there is a safe perimeter of fuel break around homes, and they are setting up pumps, hoses and sprinklers, Moyer said.

The Cliff Creek Fire size increased Tuesday and overnight to 7,671 acres, according to Ronda Bishop, Public Information Officer for the Cliff Creek Fire Incident Command Team. The fire is zero percent contained, with 464 personnel involved in containment, suppression and structure protection efforts.

Shifting winds have caused the fire to move up over a ridge and toward U.S. Highway 191. **Route 191 will therefore remain closed today** (July 20, 2016), Bishop said. The road closure will be reassessed this evening.

The firefighting team, being led by Great Basin Team 7 and Incident Commander Tony DeMasters, will hold a community meeting in Bondurant at 6 p.m. this evening at the Bondurant School. Additional meetings will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at the Hoback Fire Station # 3 in Hoback Junction and at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2016 at the Pinedale Administration Building "Old Elementary

School" in Pinedale. The community meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to get a fire management update and to ask questions.

More information:

Those interested in receiving Teton County-specific updates on the Cliff Creek Fire can sign up by texting the word TETONCLIFFCR to 888777 to register. Users can also sign up for those or other community notices online at www.Nixle.com.

For Sublette County-specific updates, sign up here:
<http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionID=1075>

For general Cliff Creek Fire management information, InciWeb provides the latest updates from the U.S. Forest Service: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4865/>.

The American Red Cross of Wyoming is available to assist those ordered to evacuate with shelter or other needs. Evacuees who would like to register with the Red Cross, may call (307) 222-8272.

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