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Evacuations include Granite Canyon as Cliff Creek Fire spreads north

Highway 189/191 closure may lift on Tuesday, pending fire activity

JACKSON, Wyo., July 18, 2016 – As the Cliff Creek Fire spreads to the north and east, evacuation orders have expanded to include Granite Canyon in Teton County, closure of Highway 89/191 between Hoback Junction and Daniel Junction, and partial evacuations north of Bondurant in Sublette County.

At 3 p.m. today, 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.

The evacuation was triggered when the fire crossed Shoal Creek and spotted onto the ridge above Granite Creek. The Incident Management Team believes there is an imminent threat to life and property in Granite Creek. Evacuees can report to the Colter Elementary School on High School Road in Jackson to register with the Red Cross for assistance such as food and shelter. Red Cross personnel should be set up at the High School by 6 p.m.

The evacuation in Sublette County remains in effect and includes the Kozy Campground and residences, south along Highway 189/191 toward the north area of Bondurant. For these evacuees, the Red Cross has set up an evacuation center at the Pinedale High School Wrangler Gym at 655 N. Tyler Street in Pinedale.

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. Current size is estimated to be 2200 acres. Fire spread was driven by strong gusty winds with multiple-tree torching, crown fires, and long-distance spotting.



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Interagency firefighters continue to work to suppress the fire. The closure of Highway 189/191 remains in place due to heavy smoke and active fire on both sides of the highway. This closure may be lifted by 10 am Tuesday July 19, pending fire activity. For current conditions, visit <http://www.wyoroad.info/pls/Browse/WRR.CLOSURES>.

With the fire's increasing complexity and risk, a Type 2 Incident Management Team is scheduled to transition from local Type 3 incident managers on Tuesday morning, July 19.

For more information on the Cliff Creek Fire, visit Teton Interagency Fire Dispatch at www.TetonFlres.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](#) and [Bridger-Teton National Forest Facebook](#).

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