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Bull Fire Burning on the Kemmerer Ranger District

Kemmerer, Wyo. – Resources from the Teton Interagency Fire Center are responding to a lightning caused fire on the Bridger-Teton National Forest's Kemmerer Ranger District. This fire was discovered at approximately 7:04 am on Thursday, September 10.

The fire is currently 70-acres and located on Bull Mountain, approximately 3-miles south-southeast of Lake Alice. This lightning caused fire was spotting between 3-4 trees on the ridge, which caused the perimeter of the fire to spread. Spotting is when a fire throws sparks and flames ahead of the main fire, which leads to small fires all burning together increasing the size.

The Bull Fires is burning in mixed conifers and meadows. Fire behavior includes spotting of 200 to 300 yards out in front of the fire and torching, which is aided by the current windy conditions that area is experiencing. Resources at the scene yesterday included one helicopter, two air tankers, two SEAT (single engine air tanker), and one Type 2 IA (initial attack) crew of 20 firefighters. More resources will be on scene today to help suppress this fire.

Please be aware that the smoke column from the fire is visible and can be seen from the communities of Daniel, Big Piney, Kemmerer, and Cokeville, Wyoming and the surrounding area. Forest officials are evacuating cattle and sheep in the vicinity, but no structures are threatened at this time. There are no road closures associated with this fire.

Teton Interagency Fire Managers will manage this incident with firefighter and public safety as the number one priority.

Fire danger for the Forest is currently 'high' meaning that potential for fire activity is increased due to drying vegetation combined with higher temperatures, low humidity and brisk afternoon winds. For additional fire information you can visit www.tetonfires.com

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