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Evacuations are Currently Underway for the Cliff Creek Fire near Bondurant, Wyoming

Bondurant, Wyo., July 18, 2016 – The Black Powder Guest Ranch and one house on the north side of Highway 191 have already been evacuated. Firefighters are in the process of evacuating campers in the area. and Highway 89/191 is closed north of Bondurant, Wyoming due to heavy smoke and active fire jumping over the highway. One structure, a barn, has already been lost to the fire. There is no estimate for when the Highway will reopen.

Objectives for the fire are to provide for public and firefighter safety, and to battle the blaze and try to keep the fire north of Cliff Creek.

The fire is working its way up Game Hill traveling towards Shoal Creek and is established on both sides of the highway.

Resources on scene include seven engines from Sublette County, two engines and a helicopter from Teton Interagency Fire. Resources on order include a Type 2 Incident Management Team, a Type 1 hotshot crew, and a Type 1 helicopter.

The fire was discovered on the Bridger-Teton National Forest at 2:30pm Sunday July 17, approximately 5-miles north of the town of Bondurant Wyoming.

Interagency firefighters are working to suppress the fire, which is burning in thick, continuous fire and is torching groups of trees. Group torching is when a stand of trees become engulfed in fire and all burn up at the same time, causing large flames in the treetops. In one hour the Cliff Creek fire grew from 5 acres to 15 acres.

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