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Bridger-Teton National Forest Lifts Cliff Creek Fire Area Closure

Big Piney, Wyo., September 13, 2016 – The Bridger-Teton National Forest lifted the Emergency Area Closure for the Cliff Creek Fire today. The fire, which has burned 33,776 acres since ignited by lightning July 17, is 97 percent contained.

While the fire is still burning, fire managers believe the recent precipitation and cooler temperatures have reduced the immediate threat of the fire growing significantly or making any runs outside of containment lines. Conditions in a burned forest change constantly. Visitors into any burned area should be aware that there is still the potential for a strong wind to cause burned trees to fall, known as falling snags. Additionally, stump holes may still be burning in the area, and rocks and fallen logs could roll down the recently burned hillsides onto trails.

Careful trip planning is important to have a safe day in the woods. Please consider weather and road conditions when planning your route. Always let someone know where you are expecting to travel and when you are expected to return. Remember there are areas that do not have cell phone coverage.

For more information, visit the Forest Website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf>, or contact the Bridger-Teton National Forest at (307) 739-5500. The Fire danger for the Forest is Very High and fire restrictions are in place.

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