

# Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction Project

## The next phase of the Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction Project on Phillips Ridge will continue July 19th, 2021

Throughout the next month, contractors will be cutting trees and stacking woody debris to minimize fire hazards in proximity to the powerline road, the Snotel and Phillips Ridge mountain bike, hiking and running trails.

Forest visitors should avoid the area in red on project map during the hours of 0600 thru 4PM. Please respect temporary trail closures between the hours of 6:00 am and 4:00 pm and do not enter the work zone if these areas are posted closed for your safety. If entering the areas adjacent to the work zone, follow all warnings. If you hear chainsaws or equipment running, ensure you are not in harm's way. For safety reasons, some dispersed recreation sites may be closed until the project is complete.

The reduction for hazardous fuel loading within the Phillips Ridge area will aid in modifying potential fire behavior by reducing a fire's opportunity to get in the forest canopy and reducing the chance of fire impacting communities and recreation use areas. Benefits from fuels reduction includes removing dead and down vegetation, reducing small diameter trees which serve as ladder fuels that carry fire from the ground to the tree canopy, and increasing tree crown spacing by opening the tree canopy to limit potential fire spread by crown fire. Through these efforts we create more fire adaptive communities and reduce the risk and cost of fire suppression during an unwanted fire within the wildland urban interface.

The brush and limbs generated from the treatments will be piled on site and burned over the next few years during cool, snowy, wet weather conditions. Please do not remove any materials from these piles. Organized stacked wood may be removed if an individual purchases a fire wood permit from the Jackson Ranger District, before removing any cut logs from public lands.

The project area is within the wildland urban interface as defined by the 2014 Teton County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) as communities at risk of wildfire.

For more information please call 307-739-5431 or visit [tetonfires.com](http://tetonfires.com).

**Know before you go, bike on and stay safe!**