

# Flat Creek Wildfire



## FIRE UPDATE 8/25/2019

**Location:** 43.51511 x 110.5126 Sheep Mountain GrosVentre Wilderness area, Jackson RD.

**Cause:** Lightning strike in a standing green sub-alpine fir tree living at 9800 feet in elevation

**Fire Behavior:** remains low with a smoldering fire and some creeping into the surrounding spruce fir. Fire is consuming standing dead trees and with the predicted high winds may produce smoke that will be visible from some areas north of Jackson.

**Size:** Holding at less than 1 acre and growing to a total .5 acre (1/2) over a two week period.

**Surrounding Area and Fuels-** Subalpine mixed conifer of White Bark Pine and Sub alpine fir with moderate ground cover of dead and down trees and branches. The fire is burning adjacent to several avalanche paths and scree fields which act as a fuel break to limit the fire's spread.

**Closures;** None at this time.



**Fire managers develop a strategy for every type of fire which includes tactical decisions specific to each incident.** First priority for all wildfires is the safety of personnel, the public, including adjacent landowners and the safe and effective utilization of firefighting resources . Additional objectives for the Flat Creek Fire include the enhancement of the Gros Ventre Wilderness' natural values through the ecological effects of fire.

Working together, fire managers, fuel specialists and landowners in the Flat Creek area have been advancing and fulfilling wildfire protection preparedness and readiness for several years. Collectively and actively training, planning and mitigating fuels in the Flat Creek area, will now allowed for a holistic fire-management approach and improved enhanced fire adaptation for the community and private landowners within this portion of the Teton County wildland urban interface. Local Teton interagency fire module and fire planning specialists are assigned to the Flat Creek fire and continue to actively manage the wilderness fire. Information and daily updates to fire managers help to support and provide next steps for response as concluded in the Incident Decision document, developed during the initial planning process. Smoke from this fire may occasionally be visible from several vantage points throughout the Jackson area.

## **FIRE PREVENTION TALKING POINT**

**The weather is predicated to be hot, dry and very windy. Any spark can ignite an unwanted human caused wildfire. Prevent grass fires, do not drive on dry grass. Make sure you bring to camp plenty of water to put out campfires, *DEAD OUT.***

**During windy conditions, consider using a camp stove instead of a campfire!**

**For fire info and community fire adapted information call NZ Fire Prevention at 307-739-5424.**