

Pilgrim Creek Wildland Fire—Blackrock Ranger District

October 4th, 2020



Date of Detection: September 30, 2020

Current Size: October 4th, 210 acres

Location: Northeast of the Pilgrim Creek drainage.
South of Wildcat Mountain.

Closures: Pilgrim Creek road and area closure in the Pilgrim Creek drainage ([see map](#))

Legal Description: Latitude 43,59.39 N Longitude 110' 34. 03 W

Management Strategy: Point protection strategy with consideration and mitigation methods for wilderness protection involving minimum impact suppression tactics.



On 10/03 the Pilgrim fire experienced minimal new growth due to reduced wind speeds and some cloud cover over the area. A drone pilot and infra-red heat detection aircraft flew over the fire yesterday mapped and provided updated and accurate acreage from the fire activity experienced on 10/02 and 10/03, mapping the fire's perimeter at 210 acres. The fire remains north of Pilgrim Creek and continues to experience minimal isolated torching with some spotting into adjacent timber.

10/04 Today's predicted weather calls for increased westerly winds which may intensify the fire behavior. Crews and management action plans are both identified and prepared to support any protentional spotting across Pilgrim Creek and to the south of the fire's current perimeter.

Currently, there are eight wildland firefighters from the Caribou Targhee National Forest, the Teton Interagency Wildland Fire Module and one helicopter committed to the incident. Crews continue with efforts to keep the fire from crossing Pilgrim Creek and delivering intel on the fire's activity back to fire managers in town.

Cause is undetermined and currently under investigation. When determining wildland fire cause, investigators look at lightning maps and use a methodical, systematic approach to determine what caused the ignition of a wildfire. Lightning was in the area 10 days prior to the detection of the Pilgrim Fire; however, several other environmental and human factors are also considered to be suspect at this time. As with any wildfire detection and incident, the public's help with any information is always helpful and appreciated. Information can be shared to 307-739-5424

Thank you to the community of Pacific Creek for the cooperation and support through their Wildfire Neighborhood Ambassador Program, their neighbors and HOA leadership! Visit Tetonfires.com for maps, current fire information, Fire Restrictions and Fire Prevention Tips