



Tie Canyon Fire Press Release
For Immediate Release
August 24, 2016
12:00 pm



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Re: Tie Canyon Fire Press Release

Fire Update as of 12:00 pm August 24, 2016:

The Tie Canyon fire area closure has been extended to include areas west of Pole Canyon encompassing Black Grove Trail 047, the Power Line Trail 321, and the Blanchard Ridge Trail 014. Tie Canyon Road 252 and Upper Rainey Creek Road 253 remain closed. Highway 31 remains open however it is strongly recommended that people do not travel on Highway 31 due to low visibility on Pine Creek Pass and heavy fire response traffic. Instead, people are asked to travel through Rexburg.

The US Forest Service has reported that due to the change in wind direction and speed the fire is very slow moving. There is one hot shot crew of approximately 86 firefighters in addition to local fire fighters, two dozers and air support currently responding to the fire. Additional resources will begin to arrive today to mobilize from Swan Valley. Mobilization will likely transition to Victor this weekend as more crews arrive.

The US Forest Service has confirmed that this is a wildland fire and that there are no prescribed fires in the area. The US Forest Service would like to thank residents within the potential evacuation area for being proactive in fire reduction efforts. This, and efforts in the forest, are helpful in managing the fire.

The US Forest Service sincerely appreciates the public's desire to support the fire crews. However, they are not permitted to accept food or other goods from the public. If you would like to show your support, crews do appreciate your signs and words of encouragement.

Because of the nature of the fire, expect an evening update each day unless conditions change.

At this time, a Level 1 evacuation remains in effect and recommendations are the same as described in the below evacuation information and map.

LEVEL 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means "BE READY" for potential evacuation.

Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via an emergency notification system.



LEGEND



POTENTIAL EVACUATION AREA

DEPT. NO.	COUNTY	DIST. NO.
		
City of Victor P.O. Box 222, 22 Elm Street Victor, ID 83455 Phone: (208) 787-2940 Fax: (208) 787-2027 http://www.victoridaho.com		
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Because power lines are in the vicinity of the fire, regional power outages may occur. At this time, it is not necessary for citizens to reduce electrical use.

Finally, it is critical that people do not fly drones near the forest fire. Any drone intrusion halts all fire suppression operation and substantial fines will be issued.

Released by Holly Wolgamott, Teton County Public Information Officer, 208-354-8775.



Teton County Evacuation Levels

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LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means “BE SET” to evacuate.

YOU MUST PREPARE TO LEAVE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE

This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk.

THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE

Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.

LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means "GO"

Evacuate NOW LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!

Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE

Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe. Area radio and TV stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates.

Sign up for emergency notification at <http://www.tetoncountysheriff.com/>

Follow the Teton County Sheriff's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/teton.sheriff/ and the Teton County website at: www.tetoncountyidaho.gov

BEFORE WILDFIRE THREATENS

- Evacuation Plan. Print your plan and put it on your refrigerator, or put a copy in your disaster supplies kit. Make sure everyone in your family knows where your kit is. Also keep in mind that many of these principles apply to all disaster types.
- Get a map of your area and make sure everyone in your family understands the ways in and out of your neighborhood.
- Assign tasks to each family member for what to do during Level 1 (Ready), Level 2 (Set), Level 3 (GO!) evacuations. Print this checklist and post it on your refrigerator.
- Designate a meeting place – this could be a friend or family members' house, or an evacuation shelter.
- Choose an out-of-the-area contact person to relay information about your welfare to family and friends and to keep your phone lines open.

House Preparation

- Make sure house numbers are visible from the street.
- Make sure driveways are wide enough for fire trucks to enter (10-12 feet wide).
- Prepare your defensible space. See the Firewise checklists and tips. www.firewise.org

Disaster Supplies Kit

- Keep kits supplied and ready at all times in your home and in your vehicle. Kits should include, at the minimum, food and water for each family member for 3 days, battery operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, and an extra set of sturdy clothing for each family member. Don't forget medications, as necessary.
- Assemble pet kits and keep them in your home and vehicle. Include food, water, leashes, carriers, and medications.
- Assemble special documents, like birth certificates, social security cards, legal documents, phone contact lists, family photos, household inventory, and any portable valuables into easily-moved containers that can be loaded into a vehicle quickly and easily.