



**Tie Canyon Fire Press Release**  
For Immediate Release  
August 25, 2016  
7:15 pm



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Tie Canyon Fire Press Release Fire Update as of 7:15 pm August 25, 2016:

There will be a Public Meeting addressing the Tie Canyon Fire at Victor Elementary School tomorrow, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Victor Elementary School, 43 East Center Street, Victor. All are welcome.

Transfer of command of the Tie Canyon Fire will occur tomorrow morning, Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am, to Grey Basin Team 5 lead by Russ Bird. Please contact the Fire Information Center with questions or requests for information at [tiecanyonfireinfo@gmail.com](mailto:tiecanyonfireinfo@gmail.com) or call 208-991-0067 after 6:00am tomorrow morning. The next release of information will occur mid-day tomorrow, Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

An Incident Command Post will be established at Pioneer Park. As such, the park is closed to all users. Elm Street from Agate Avenue to Baseline Road is closed to allow for local traffic only. Both closures are in effect until further notice.

The Tie Canyon fire encompasses 1242 acres and continues to be slow moving with minimal growth occurring today. On the north end of the fire, crews are scouting and beginning to construct containment lines. An estimated 250 to 300 firefighters will be responding to the fire.

At this time, the Tie Canyon fire area closure remains the same to include areas west of Pole Canyon. Please see the below fire closure map illustrating the fire area and effected closed trails. Tie Canyon Road 252 and Upper Rainey Creek Road 253 remain closed. Highway 31 is currently 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. Please be careful along highway 31 and highway 33. Fire response traffic will be present.

Because power lines are in the vicinity of the fire, regional power outages may occur although the likelihood is reducing. 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.

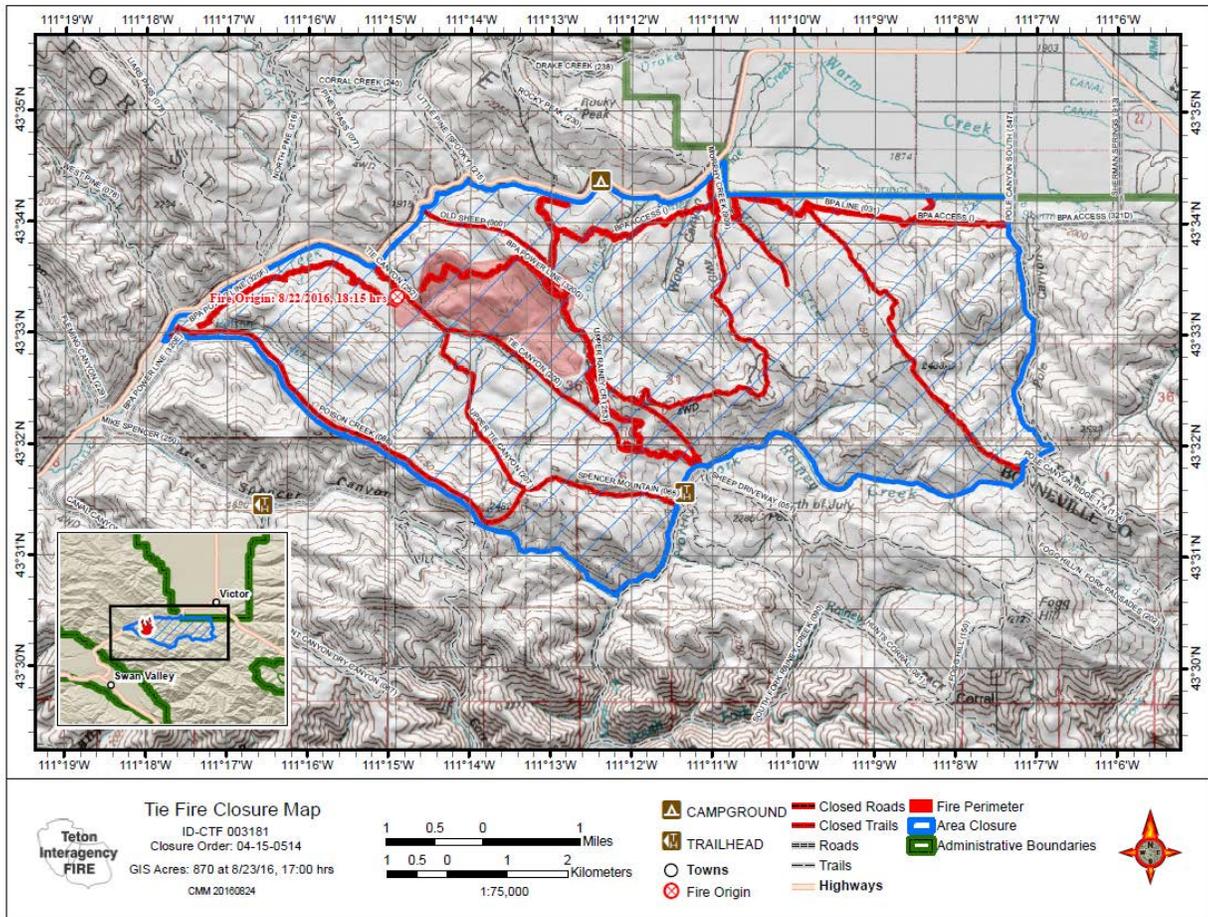
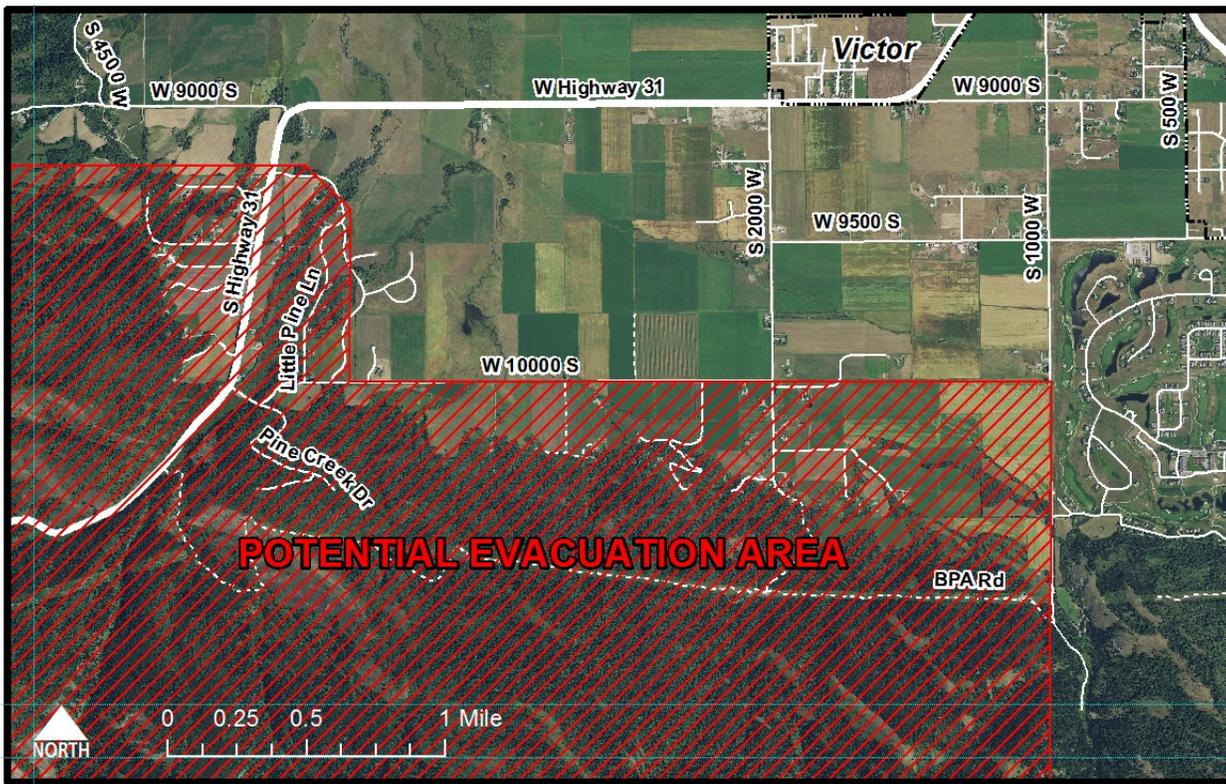
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As previously released, a Level 1 evacuation remains in effect and recommendations are the same as described in the below evacuation information and map.

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.





# Teton County Evacuation Levels

## LEVEL 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means “BE READY” for potential evacuation.

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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/](http://www.facebook.com/teton.sheriff/) and the Teton County website at: [www.tetoncountyidaho.gov](http://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](http://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.