



**Tie Canyon Fire Press Release**  
For Immediate Release  
August 26, 2016  
6:00 pm



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Re: Tie Canyon Fire Press Release Fire Update as of 6:00 pm August 26, 2016:

August 26, 2016 – 5 p.m.

Contained: 25%

Size: 1,242 acres

Total Personnel: 250

Resources:

- Crews: 7
- Helicopters: 3
- Engines: 8

Victor, ID – Heavy cloud cover with lower temperatures today allowed fire activity to be lower than the previous three days, slowing the fire's growth and allowing firefighters to contain 25% of the fire's perimeter.

Additional handcrews have been arriving throughout the day. As they do, they have been assigned to three areas of the fire to construct and reinforce containment lines where safe to do so. There was no growth on the north flank of the fire today, an area that triggered a Level 1 evacuation notice for residents and home owners in Pole Canyon Road and in Hidden Waters Subdivision.

This morning, handcrews began line construction in the southeast flank. As they work directly engines and hoses are being used to cool and extinguish the fire's at least 100' from the fire's edge. This process demands thorough attention by firefighters to ensure an ember does not escape across containment lines.

Watertankers again supported firefighters for a fourth day by dropping water on the southeast flank where it remains the most active in the Tie Creek and Coalmine drainages. Hoses and additional equipment were delivered that will support those suppression activities for the next several days. A portable repeater was also installed today. This is a critical piece of equipment that allows firefighters to communicate with each other and other emergency personnel.

A transfer of command to Great Basin Team 5 occurred at 6am this morning. Throughout the duration of the fire, they will develop a daily plan that accounts for public and firefighter safety. Firefighters will only be used in places where they can safely and successfully be used. Every effort is being made to put the fire out as safely and quickly as possible.

Highway 31 is open however it is strongly recommended an alternative route is used when possible due to low visibility on Pine Creek Pass and heavy fire response traffic. Instead, people are asked to travel through Rexburg.

Smoke in the morning and evenings will be visible. This smoke is coming from several area fires burning in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and numerous fires burning on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. To view smoke information, visit the Idaho Smoke Blog spot at: <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com>

Weather: Weather conditions will remain somewhat benign for the next several days of the fire. Conditions will become slightly warmer and dryer than Friday. As conditions warm, the fire will reflect a slight uptick in fire behavior with single and group trees torching taking place.

Evacuations In Effect: No mandatory evacuations are in effect. A Level 1 evacuation notice is in place to prepare residents and property owners south of 10000 West (Pole Canyon Road) and in Hidden Waters Subdivision.

Area/Trail Closures: A Tie Canyon Fire Area Closure is in effect. This includes areas west of Pole Canyon, Tie Canyon Road 252 and Upper Rainey Creek Road 253.

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Website: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4987/> |



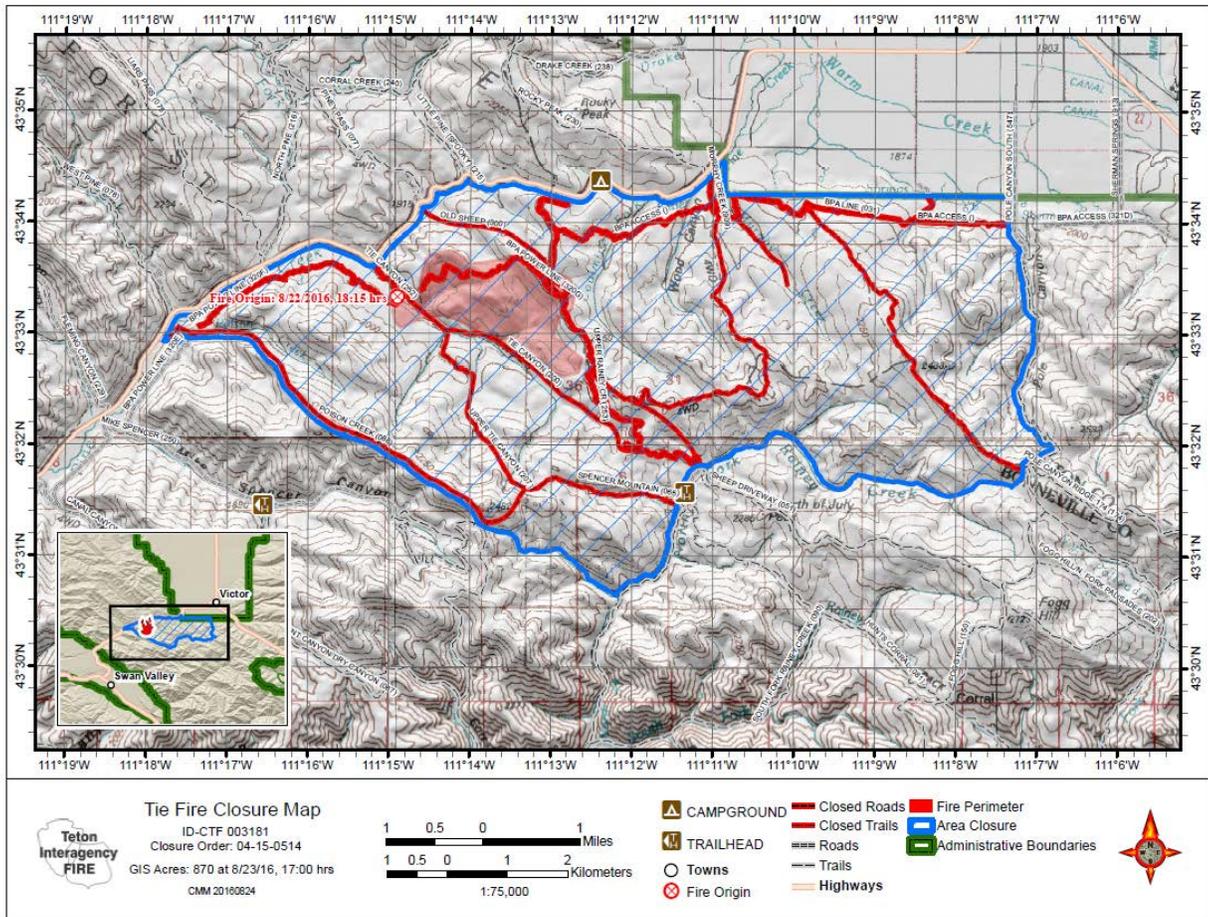
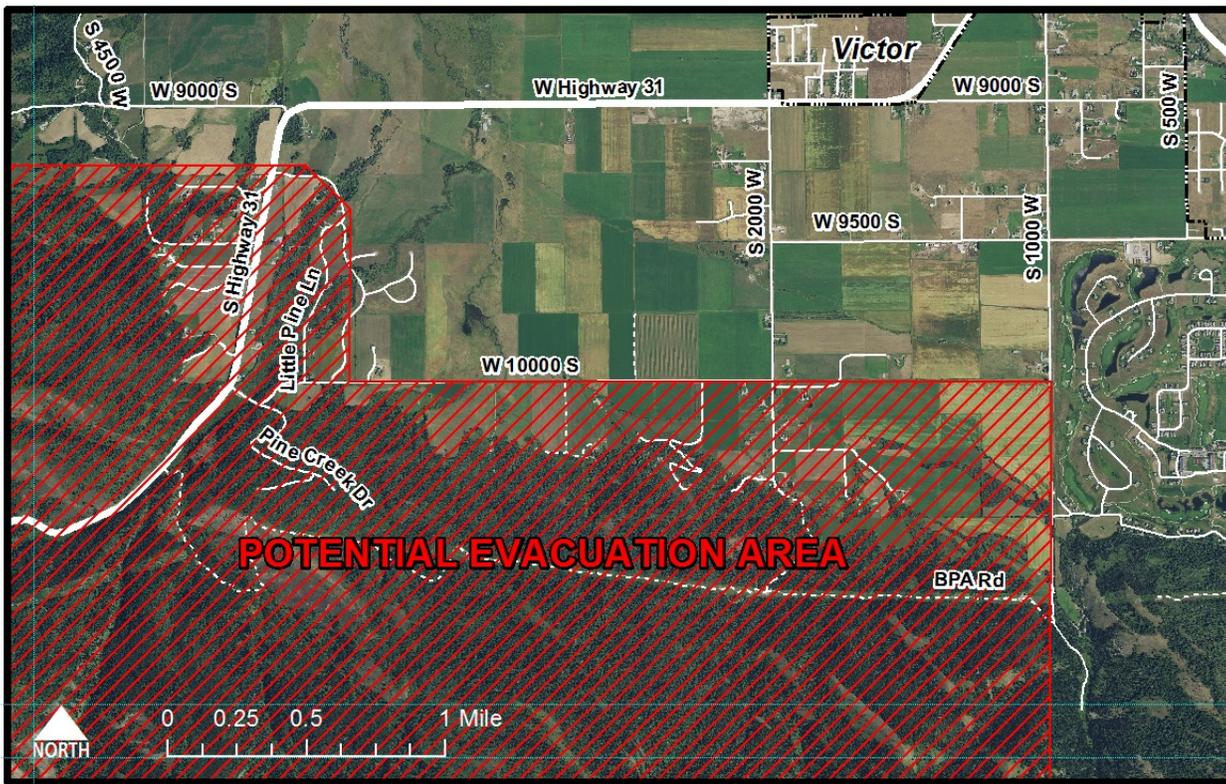
Picture By: Russ Bird, Incident Commander today. Shows the smoke from single and group trees torching on the southeast flank. U.S. Forest Service - Caribou-Targhee National Forest City of Victor Teton County Idaho

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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.