



## Tie Canyon Fire Joint Press Release

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Ramah New Mexico Camp Crew working in the Supply Unit to keep hoses and equipment organized so it can be safely delivered to the fireline. These same workers are cleaning and rolling hose as it returns to camp. Photo By Neal Kephart, PIO.

**Contained:** 86%

**Size:** 1,031 acres

**Total Personnel:** 292

**Resources:** Crews: 7    Helicopters: 2    Engines: 8

Victor, ID – Cloud cover allowed for non-aggressive smoldering in the duff yesterday. As the sun warmed hot spots, a few interior trees in the Tie Creek drainage did torch; however, cooler temperatures and cloudy skies kept fire behavior quiet.

In preparation for heavy rains in the forecast today, firefighters spent much of Saturday gathering the 17 miles of hose and equipment. As this equipment is heavy, helicopters flew seven hours slinging loads off the hill to help firefighters with backhauling. This equipment will be washed, dried and re-rolled in preparation for transportation back to Boise.

Rain will dictate firefighter activities today. There is an 80% chance of wetting rain over the fire area with up to a ¼ inch of rain possible. If moisture is not substantial before they can enter the fire area, firefighters will turn and spread out heavier logs, while mixing smoldering debris to let nature cool remaining hotspots. If the rain turns the roads and access points into mud, it will not be safe for firefighters to enter areas in the deeper drainages.

The expected moisture should help suppression repair work taking place in the northern perimeter as it will soften the areas the excavator needs to complete. A resource advisor will guide this work.

Team 5 is releasing several crews, engines and helicopters to downsize the fire organization. These resources were sent to Utah and Northern Idaho to assist new fires that started as a result of recent lightning.

**Burn restrictions** for Teton County, Idaho are in effect. Until fire conditions have improved, burn permits will not be issued and fires requiring a burn permit will not be permitted. Please visit the Teton County Fire & Rescue web page for more information: <http://tetoncountyfire.com/>.

There are no fire restrictions in place on the Caribou - Targhee National Forest in Idaho; however, open burning is not allowed in Teton County, Wyoming. For more information about Idaho Fire Restrictions, visit: <http://www.idahofireinfo.com/p/fire-restrictions.html>. Information about Wyoming fire restrictions can be found at: <http://www.tetonwyo.org/fire>. Hunters are asked to be extremely cautious with any open flames.

**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. To view a map of this area closure, visit: [http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/IDCTF/2016-08-24-1620-Tie-Canyon-Fire/related\\_files/pict20160726-155651-0.jpeg](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/IDCTF/2016-08-24-1620-Tie-Canyon-Fire/related_files/pict20160726-155651-0.jpeg)

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**Places to Find Fire Information:**

**Website:**

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

Teton Co.: <http://tetoncountyidaho.gov/>

City of Victor: <http://www.victorcityidaho.com/>

**Facebook:**

Team 5: <https://www.facebook.com/GBIMT5/>

Teton Co: <https://www.facebook.com/tetoncountyidaho>

Teton Co. Fire & Rescue: <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCountyFireRescue/>

City of Victor: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofvictor/>