
Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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Tepee Fire North of West Yellowstone, MT

The Tepee Fire in the Gallatin National Forest started on September 8. It is located 17 miles north of West Yellowstone. Due to better mapping, current fire size is approximately 45 acres. Thirty-five firefighters are currently working the fire. Two helicopters are providing water bucket drops. The fire is burning in grass and timber. Cool temperatures forecasted for the next few days should minimize fire activity and assist crews with mop-up operations. At this time the cause of the fire is under investigation. A closure has been implemented in the Tepee Basin area. For more information contact the district at (406) 823-6961.

As fall weather continues, bringing sunny days between cool temperatures people should be careful when they go to the woods. Campfires this time of year can easily escape on a warm windy day. Be sure to drown your campfires and have a bucket, shovel, and fire extinguisher when cutting fire wood.

This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

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