
Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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Tepee Fire North of West Yellowstone, MT

The Teepee Fire in the Gallatin National Forest is burning roughly 17 miles north of West Yellowstone, MT and 1 ½ miles from the boundary of Yellowstone National Park in the area of the Monument Unit of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness. At around 6 pm Monday evening the fire was approximately 20 acres with some torching and spotting. Thirty-two firefighters, including smokejumpers, helitack rappellers and engine personnel from the Gallatin National Forest are working on the ground in the remote area. There are also 2 helicopters working the fire with water drops and one air tanker on order from Eastern Idaho. The fire is burning in grass and timber. Cool night time temperatures should lay the fire down tonight and help the crews digging fire line. In the morning air resources will be hitting it hard as warm temperatures are expected on Tuesday. At this time the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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.

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