



Bridger-Teton National Forest Chall Creek Fire **Hazard Tree Safety Advisory**

This Hazard Tree safety advisory is designed to raise awareness among residents and visitors of the increased risk from **falling tree hazards in the Chall Creek Fire area.**

The recent fire activity in the area has burned into Aspen as well as previously existing bug kill stands of conifers on federal and state lands. While many of these trees will display obvious signs of damage (Loss of needles, hanging limbs, leaning trunks, etc); Aspen trees are shallow rooted and may appear healthy but can be as deadly. Potential moisture in the area may loosen the soil requiring little wind to cause an Aspen to fall. To reduce risk of being struck by falling trees in the area consider the following recommendations:

One way to deal with this type of risk is to avoid unnecessary exposure by avoiding walking or parking within or along the fire's perimeter

When a potential Hazard Tree is identified, stay at least 2 times the tree's height away from it, at all times.

Check local weather forecast for predicted wind speeds before entering timber stand areas in fire or bug kill areas. Wind will not only increase potential of snags falling, but will also make the warning sound of a crackling tree harder to hear!

Take rest or picnic breaks in open areas (Free of potential snags).

Never attempt to push over dead trees.

When cutting (falling) permitted firewood, always have a second person to watch the top of the tree for falling hazards. Fire can often cause trees to splinter or weaken mid to upper canopy.

Red Wedge

SNAG (Hazard Tree) SAFETY:

Size up snag hazards in your area.

Never become complacent.

Always look up.

Get weather reports.

Scout out parking, camping, hiking and hunting areas for snags.

Advice others of known hazards.

Flag hazards when possible.

Examine your area for other hazards.

Take extra caution after rain showers or storms.

You are ultimately responsible for your own safety

For more information regarding Forest use, contact: Bridger – Teton National Forest (307) 739-5564.