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Green Knoll Fire Experiences Limited Growth

The Green Knoll Fire southwest of Jackson expanded its perimeter less than anticipated today, due largely to area weather conditions. By the end of the prime burning period Tuesday afternoon, the fire had increased in size to 1390 acres. Firefighters report that wind shifted favorably during the afternoon and turned the fire back onto itself. Torching within the fire was primarily limited to single trees, and spotting was short range in advance of the fire line. Containment is still estimated to be 10%.

Suppression efforts Tuesday involved 615 people, 18 engines, seven helicopters, seven air tankers, and four bulldozers. A specialized structural protection team from Bozeman, Montana, comprised of ten engines and tankers, began patrolling residential developments in the vicinity of the fire. Incident Command leaders credit previous fuel reduction efforts as contributing much to the day's success.

Weather forecasters predict Wednesday's conditions to be similar to today's, with light, variable winds, increased humidity and temperatures in excess of 80 degrees. The roads and businesses in the Jackson area are unaffected by the fire with smoke occasionally visible in town. Further information about the fire may be obtained by calling the Teton Interagency Fire Information Office at (307) 739-5577, or by checking the Interagency website at <http://www.tetonfires.com/>