

## Interagency News Release

### Green Knoll Fire Receives Top Priority for Suppression

Green Knoll Fire

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Wilson, Wyoming

Wednesday, July 25, 2001 3:30 p.m.

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**Teton County has ordered an evacuation of the following subdivisions:**

**- Crescent H Ranch**

**- Indian Paintbrush**

**- Homes scattered throughout the Mosquito Creek Drainage**

**The fire is advancing rapidly and residents are urged to evacuate immediately.**

**Residents who do not have shelter to evacuate to can go to the New High School.**

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The town of Jackson, Wyoming is not threatened by this fire. All roads and businesses are open. Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks are also open and unaffected by the fire.

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**Fire Acreage:** 1,390

**Containment:** 10%

**Air Resources:**

-9 Helicopters

-7 Air Tankers

-2 Lead Planes

-2 Air Attack Planes

**Ground Resources:**

-4 Bulldozers

-20 Wildland Fire Engines

-10 Structural Protection Engines

- "Numerous engines from Teton/Jackson volunteer fire departments

**Personnel:**

-615 firefighting total staff

\*420 firefighters in 21 crews

\*195 engine and air personnel

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### Evacuation Ordered for Two Fire Area Subdivisions

The Teton County Sheriff's Office called for the mandatory evacuation of two subdivisions near the Green Knoll Fire southwest of Jackson. The two subdivisions involved in this evacuation are Crescent-H and Indian Paintbrush. Officials are also calling for residents in the Mosquito Creek Road area to leave. The fire began moving quickly in the direction of those homes, and officials asked residents to leave as expeditiously as possible. Fall Creek road has been restricted for travel while the evacuation is taking place.

An evacuation center has been set up by the Teton County Chapter of the American Red Cross at Jackson Hole High School. Information about the temporary shelter can be directed to 733-4049.

This fire does not threaten the town of Jackson. Roads and businesses in Jackson continue to operate normally. More information may be made to the Interagency Fire Information Office at 739-5577.

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Incident command officials on the Green Knoll fire southwest of Jackson, Wyoming told area residents last night during a public meeting in Wilson that this fire is the number one priority fire in the nation. This status gives fire officials the opportunity to request and receive equipment without competition from other fires. Five divisions consisting of 420 firefighters have been split among various fire flanks. The southern flank has a well-established fire line and attention today will focus on the northern and eastern flanks.

The fire now involves 1390 acres, of which 10% is contained. Resources involved in fire suppression today include nine helicopters, seven air tankers for retardant drops, two lead planes, two air attack planes, four bulldozers, 20 wildland fire engines, 10 structural protection engines from Bozeman, Montana and numerous structural engines and teams from Teton/Jackson volunteer fire departments.

Weather forecasters are predicting gusty and turbulent winds in the fire area with prime burning conditions expected. The most active burning period typically occurs between two and six p.m. There are no evacuation orders issued for any of the subdivisions near the fire at this time, however pre-evacuation preparations are recommended. These include gathering personal and irreplaceable items and important papers, as well as extra changes of clothing, bedding and pets.

The town of Jackson is not threatened by the fire. All roads and businesses in the area are unaffected, although smoke is 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>.

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