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National Teams Arrive on Bridger-Teton National Forest Fires

Complexity Analysis performed July 6th identified the need for one National and one Area Team to manage two fire complexes on the Big Piney and Greys River Districts of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The teams arrived for briefing at 6:00 PM July 6 and officially took over the fires at approximately 8:00 PM that evening.

While analysis and briefing efforts were taking place, firefighters were battling the flames of the Fisherman Complex, presently estimated at 400 acres, and the Greys River Complex estimated at 250 acres. Relying on aerial retardant attacks for support, hand crews and initial attack crews worked through the day to hold their ground against these fires. Fortunately, heavy rains helped to suppress fires in Nevada the evening of July 5, freeing up resources and slowing the advance of fires on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Given this window of opportunity, fire officials were able to assess the situation and identify the following priorities for these fires:

Fisherman Complex

- Priority 1 – Public and Firefighter Safety
- Priority 2 – Structure Protection
- Priority 3 – Protection of Timber Base in Buck Creek Drainage
- Priority 4 – Protection of Lynx Habitat in Buck Creek Area

Greys River Complex

- Priority 1 – Public and Firefighter Safety
- Priority 2 – Manage Fires In a Cost Effective Manner
- Priority 3 – Use Natural Boundaries

Additional information officers arriving with these teams will be providing daily updates for the duration of the fires. These updates will be distributed throughout the effected communities, delivered to local media sources and posted to the www.tetonfires.com website.

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