

Green Knoll Fire Update

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Green Knoll Fire Area Estimates Reevaluated

Estimates of the size of the Green Knoll Fire are higher than earlier thought. Initial reports the evening of July 23rd indicated that the Green Knoll Fire southwest of Jackson had grown steadily but slowly during the day to an estimated 300 acres. However, after the Type I Team transition was complete, an assessment of the fire area using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and increased information from aerial support crews was made. A true aerial reconnaissance of the fire was not possible during peak aerial suppression traffic periods. The fire has now been accurately mapped at 1,104 acres and is estimated to be 10 percent contained.

Today, 229 personnel from federal, state and local agencies as well as private organizations are working on this fire. Hand crews, Helitack crews, and personnel in various firefighter support functions are also contributing to the efforts to suppress this fire. Among the resources available today are 8 helicopters, 4 air tankers and 2 bulldozers. Weather conditions are expected to provide some relief to firefighters through an expected drop in temperature and decreased winds.

Fire information is being disseminated from an interagency fire information center located in Jackson, WY. All fire information calls can be directed to 307-739-5577 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Fire information is also being provided through an interagency website located at <http://www.tetonfires.com>.

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