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Green Knoll Fire Update

Jackson, WY- The **Green Knoll Fire**, located in the Mosquito Creek drainage is now estimated at 150 acres as of 7:00 PM. While this latest estimate reveals a larger affected area, old “clear-cuts” in the forested area and dying winds have slowed the fire's advance. This long narrow fire is moving in northeasterly direction and is approximately 2.5 miles from several homes. Residents in the Aspen Cove, Crescent H, Indian Paintbrush, McNeely Mountain, Bircher Road, Wooded Hills and Deep Powder residential developments are encouraged to prepare for an evacuation by gathering essential items that cannot be replaced (financial documents, insurance papers, medical records, etc.) **A formal evacuation notice has not been issued at this time.**

Citizens living near the fire are encouraged to begin preparing their homes for a possible fire. Removing cordwood, dry brush and/or dry landscape materials away from homes, setting up sprinkler systems and saturate your landscape and removing the limbs of any trees that touch your home are all advisable actions. Fire officials further advise that residents find alternative lodging for the evening to facilitate any potential evacuation. The Mosquito Creek Road has been closed to traffic.

Presently 24 firefighters, including 8 smoke jumpers, 2 engine crews and 4 helicopters are battling this fire with aerial tanker support dropping fire retardant in key locations. Jackson/Teton County firefighters have been mobilized in the event homes and other structures in the area need protection. A Type I Incident Management Team has been ordered to take over this fire and is scheduled to arrive at 10:00 AM tomorrow, July 23rd. Along with this team, an additional 9, 20-person hand crews have been ordered along with 2 more Sky Plane Helicopters, which should begin arriving through the night.

For additional information, please contact the Bridger-Teton National Forest at (307) 739-5500 or 739-5420. The Interagency Fire Information Center in Jackson, WY will re-open tomorrow, July 24th, to address public interest in these and other fires. Hours of operation and new telephone numbers will be provided upon activation of this community fire information resource.

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