

Fire Information

Yellowstone National Park Fires

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Fires Likely To Become Active In Coming Days As Dry Weather Returns

Today's Key Points

- Cooler temperatures and light precipitation slowed fire growth yesterday. Precipitation ranged from fifteen-hundredths to three tenths of an inch across the fire areas. Typical fall weather conditions are predicted for the rest of the week with sunny, dry, breezy days and cool nights. As fuels dry out after recent rains, fires are likely to become active again in the coming days.
- Fire managers will monitor the Fawn, Central, and Jasper fires by air today.
- About one-quarter inch of rain fell on the Maple Fire yesterday, slowing fire spread. Large logs continue to smolder. The fire is expected to creep today in isolated areas that were protected from rainfall. Fire managers are evaluating the need to employ burnout operations along the western edge of the fire to strengthen control lines and reduce fire spread during warm and breezy fall days.
- On the Buffalo Fire today, firefighters will be working on the east side where the fire crossed Slough Creek. The fire has not crossed the Slough Creek Trail.
- Recent rains have improved air quality, which is expected to be GOOD throughout most of the area. In the Duck Creek area, heavier smoke concentrations may continue in the morning as fuels continue to smolder, leading to MODERATE air quality.

What's Open:

- **All entrances to Yellowstone National Park are open.**
- Park visitor facilities, concession-operated services, and businesses in surrounding communities remain open.
- The Bakers Hole area of the Madison River is open.
- Roadside pullouts between the West Entrance and Madison Junction are open.

What's Closed:

- The Slough Creek Campground and surrounding area are closed due to the Buffalo Fire.
- The Mary Mountain Trail is closed due to the Central Fire.
- Visit the links below for the full list and maps of current backcountry campsite, trail, and road closures.

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Are In Effect. Charcoal and wood fires are prohibited: visit the links below for additional details.

Maple Fire: 41,136 acres (an increase of 673 acres since yesterday) **Start Date:** August 8, 2016 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: approx. 3.29 mi NE of West Yellowstone (Intersection of US HWY 20 & 287), 3.57 mi SW of Mount Holmes Lookout, 1.78 mi from Madison Junction

Fire fighters continue to work to keep the fire north of the West Entrance Road. Fuel reduction at Madison Junction has been completed and structural protection with sprinkler systems will continue to be staffed. Fire crews have established control lines from the Transfer Station north to Gneiss Creek and to the ridge top south of Campanula Creek. Engines and crews continue to patrol the fire's edge.

Buffalo Fire: 10,787 acres (no increase since yesterday) **Start Date:** August 13, 2016 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: approximately 3 mi NE of Tower Junction and 1.4 mi S of the park boundary

The east side of the Buffalo Fire can sometimes be seen on the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout – Northeast Webcam at <https://go.nps.gov/YellowstoneWebcams>.

Fawn Fire: 2,684 (no increase since yesterday) **Start Date:** August 4, 2016 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: W of Fawn Pass, approximately 8 mi W of Mammoth Hot Springs, 18.5 mi NE of West Yellowstone, 4.5 mi SW of Park Boundary, and 27 mi SE of Big Sky

The Fawn Fire will be unstaffed for the immediate future. Preparations for structure protection remain in place. The fire will continue to be monitored by air.

Central Fire: 1,350 acres (no increase since yesterday) **Start Date:** August 26, 2016 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: a remote area, approximately 8.5 mi W of Lake developed area and 2.5 mi S of Hayden Valley

The Central Fire remains unstaffed. It will continue to be monitored by air. The fire continues to creep to the west and north into heavier timber. The Central Fire can sometimes be seen on the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout – South Webcam at <https://go.nps.gov/YellowstoneWebcams>.

Jasper Fire: 1 acre **Start Date:** September 4, 2016 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: east of Tower Junction near Specimen Ridge.

The Jasper Fire is burning in a small group of trees and presents no imminent threat to park facilities. It is unstaffed and will be monitored. Fire managers do not anticipate any closures since this fire is burning in a remote area.

Park Fire Information: <http://go.nps.gov/YellowstoneFire>

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