



2016 Yellowstone National Park Fires

August 11, 2016

Fawn Fire: 930 acres

Location:

The Fawn fire is located west of Fawn Pass, 11 miles west of Mammoth Hot Springs, 16 miles northeast of West Yellowstone, 13 miles southwest of Gardiner, and 35 miles southeast of Big Sky.

Started: 8/4/2016 lightning caused

Closures:

Campsites

- WB1, WB3, WB4 and WB6

Trails

- Bighorn Pass trail eastbound at the junction of the cut-off trail to the Fawn Pass trail.
- Bighorn Pass trail westbound at Bighorn Pass.
- Fawn Pass trail eastbound at the junction of the cut-off trail to the Big Horn Pass trail.
- Fawn Pass trail westbound at campsite 1F2.
- The cut-off trail between Bighorn and Fawn Pass trails is open.

Maple Fire: 10 acres

Location:

The Maple fire is located 1 mile east of the Gneiss Creek trail, 3 miles north of the Cougar Creek cabin, 6 miles east of the Park's west boundary, and 8 miles northeast of the community of West Yellowstone.

Started: 8/8/16 lightning caused

Closures:

Campsites

- None

Trails

- Gneiss Creek trail southbound at campsite WA1. That campsite remains open.
- Gneiss Creek trail northbound at the spur trail junction to the Cougar patrol cabin. The spur trail out to the cabin remains open.

Summary:

On Wednesday afternoon, August 10, a new fire, the Pocket fire, was reported near Shoshone Lake. This new start is located between Shoshone Lake and Pocket Lake, approximately 5 miles SSE of Old Faithful and 5 miles west of West Thumb. After it was reported, three smokejumpers from the West Yellowstone Smokejumper Base started working to suppress the Pocket Fire, assisted by a Type 3 (light) helicopter conducting water drops. Today three additional Yellowstone firefighters will be transported via helicopter to assist with the firefighting effort. The fire is currently less than an acre and is under a full suppression strategy.

In addition to the Pocket fire, there are currently two additional fires burning in Yellowstone National Park, the Fawn Fire and the Maple Fire. Details on these fires are located in the left column.

Public and firefighter safety is the first priority for park managers. The Fawn and Maple fires do not pose a threat to visitors. All roads leading into and through the park are open.

Park visitors and communities north and west of the park should anticipate varying levels of smoke from these fires.

Fires play a natural role in the ecosystem and crews are managing them for their benefits to the park. The decision on managing each fire in the park is based on a number of factors including, current and predicted conditions, as well as potential values at risk.

To learn more about fire management in Yellowstone, please visit go.nps.gov/yellfiremanagement

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in place within Yellowstone National Park

Information about these restrictions can be found on our Current Fire Activity page: go.nps.gov/YellowstoneFire.

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

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