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## Interagency News Release

**For Immediate Release**

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### **Lightning Ignites Fire in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway**

The passage of an active thunderstorm on Tuesday afternoon, July 24, ignited a wildland fire in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. The Steamboat Fire is located due west of Steamboat Mountain, at the edge of an area burned by the 1987 Dave Adams Hill Fire. The Steamboat Fire is the eleventh for this year in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

A fire report was received at about 8 p.m., Tuesday evening and was soon verified by Teton Interagency fire personnel. Four interagency firefighters hiked into the fire today, July 25, and began suppression efforts. The Steamboat Fire likely began as a result of a thunderstorm that passed through the area on July 24, and is burning in a forest of lodgepole pines. The fire is currently .10 of an acre in size and 0% contained. No structures are threatened at this time, and no road or trail closures are in effect due to this fire.

Maps of lightning activity for the storm that passed through the area yesterday, July 24, show numerous positive lightning strikes (lightning bolts that made contact with the ground or vegetation) making the occurrence of other fire starts likely.

The current fire danger rating is listed as Extreme for both Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

To report either smoke or a fire, please call 307.739.3630. For further information about fires in the greater Jackson Hole area, please contact Bridger-Teton National Forest at 307.739.5500 or visit [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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