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Local Resident Dies While Driving Through Grand Teton National Park

Jackson, Wyoming resident Blaine F. Despain, age 64, suddenly died in his vehicle while driving southbound on Highway 26/89/191 just beyond Moose Junction in Grand Teton National Park on Monday afternoon, May 15. Passing witnesses saw Despain's GMC pickup veer off the road and stray into the sagebrush before coming to a stop. They made a 911 call on their cell phone at 2:31 p.m. to report the incident.

Park rangers immediately responded to the accident site and discovered Despain unconscious and not breathing, with his vehicle still in drive and the engine running. Despain was returning to Jackson after spending the morning hours shoeing horses at a ranch in Buffalo Valley when he lost consciousness and drove off the west side of the road.

Teton County Coroner Bob Campbell arrived on scene at 3:00 p.m. and pronounced Despain deceased. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

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