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## Interagency News Release

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### **Human-Caused Fire Started on Grand Teton National Park Boundary**

Teton interagency fire fighters responded to suppress a human-caused fire along the eastern boundary of Grand Teton National Park near the Gros Ventre River on Thursday afternoon, July 27. A quick interagency fire response kept the Cattle Guard Fire from spreading and threatening structures in the area. The fire grew to 4.5 acres in size before being contained by 10 p.m. on Thursday night, and the Gros Ventre Road was temporarily closed to traffic during the initial fire suppression response. An investigation into circumstances surrounding the start of this accidental fire is underway; however, the persons responsible have been identified and charges are pending.

The fire danger rating for Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest remains as High. Fire managers consider several factors – including the moisture content of various fuel types, current and expected weather trends, available fire-fighting resources, and local fire activity – when establishing or increasing a fire danger rating.

Currently there are no fire restrictions in place in either Grand Teton National Park or the Bridger-Teton National Forest. However, visitors and local residents are reminded that fires are **only permitted** in established fire grates at designated campgrounds and backcountry sites within Grand Teton National Park.

Interagency fire managers continue to monitor conditions in and around the greater Jackson Hole area, and will coordinate with neighboring agencies on the possibility of fire restrictions in the future.

To report a fire in this area, please call (307) 739-3630. To view up-to-date fire information for the park and forest, visit the Web at [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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