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Survey Fire Discovered in Berry Creek Drainage

Teton interagency fire personnel discovered a lightning-caused fire in the upper Berry Creek drainage of Grand Teton National Park on Wednesday morning, August 23, while they were making an aerial reconnaissance of other fires in the vicinity. The Survey Fire was 1 acre in size when first detected. After the passage of a cold front with brisk winds yesterday, and an infrared mapping flight overnight, the fire is currently at 14 acres in size. The Survey Fire is creeping through open meadows and mixed conifer forests at an elevation of 8,000 feet, just south of Survey Peak and near the western boundary of Grand Teton National Park.

The Survey Fire is being considered for management as a wildland use fire. Wildland fire use is a management tool designed to allow naturally-ignited wildland fires to fulfill their natural role in the ecosystem. One fire use monitor is assigned to the fire today; beginning tomorrow, August 25, two wildland fire use monitors will be assigned to track both the Hechtman and Survey fires.

The Hechtman Fire on the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway was previously listed at 331 acres in size. It exhibited minimal growth on Sunday, August 20 and Monday, August 21. Interagency fire managers mapped this fire last night, August 23, using infrared imaging and determined that it is currently 526 acres in size. This fire has burned through stands of beetle-killed spruce, fir, and lodgepole pines. The Hechtman Fire is being managed as a wildland fire use fire for resource benefit. A fire use manager and one engine crew are currently assigned to the fire.

No people or structures are threatened by the Survey or Hechtman fires, and no closures of roads or trails are in effect due to these fires.

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