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## Interagency News Release

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### **Thunderstorm Ignites Three Fires in Grand Teton National Park**

The passage of an active thunderstorm on Friday evening, July 6, ignited three wildland fires in Grand Teton National Park. The Taggart Fire near Taggart Creek, the South Taggart Fire, and the Shadow Fire on the lower slope of Shadow Peak near the Taggart Lake moraine all resulted from lightning strikes associated with the evening thunderstorm.

The Taggart Fire was spotted soon after the storm passed through the area. A Teton interagency helitack crew quickly responded to begin suppression efforts on Friday evening, and the Taggart Fire was contained at .1 acre at 9:25 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 7; it was reported to be out by 12:35 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

The South Taggart Fire was spotted on Saturday morning as fire crews worked the Taggart Fire. It was also contained at .1 acre and declared out by early afternoon.

The Shadow Fire was discovered during an aerial over-flight on Friday evening, and a Teton interagency contract helicopter was able to make six water bucket drops on the fire before darkness. One Teton interagency fire engine, plus a crew of ten firefighters, began suppression efforts on this fire, Saturday morning, July 7. The Shadow fire is currently less than .1 acre in size; it was contained by 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

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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