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Jogger Pushing a Baby Stroller Hit by Vehicle in Grand Teton National Park

Grand Teton National Park rangers responded to the scene of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident at 8:55 a.m. on Sunday, July 15, involving a mother who was jogging along the Gros Ventre Road with a baby stroller carrying her 20-month-old son. Michelle Benson, age 37, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was running on the side of the road just east of the Gros Ventre campground with her young son strapped into a jogging stroller when she was struck by a Honda Civic driven by Shannon Davis, age 26, from New York state, currently living in Jackson Hole for the summer.

Teton Interagency Dispatch Center received a 911 call from the Teton County sheriff's office at 8:56 a.m. on Sunday morning reporting the accident, and park rangers immediately responded to the scene, located about three quarters of a mile east of the Gros Ventre campground. A Teton County ambulance arrived on scene shortly after the accident and quickly transported Benson to St. John's Medical Center in Jackson for treatment of her injuries. Benson's son was securely fastened into his baby stroller and was essentially unhurt; however, he too was transported by park ambulance to St. John's Medical Center for precautionary medical care. Rangers then located Benson's husband, Michael, who was at their campsite in the Gros Ventre Campground and transported him to the hospital as well. Benson was flown early Sunday afternoon to Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls for additional medical care.

Both Benson and Davis were traveling westbound on the Gros Ventre Road when the accident occurred. Davis was estimated to be traveling about 45 miles per hour, which is the speed limit on that road segment. She was issued a citation and a mandatory court appearance as a result of the accident.

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