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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### Vice President Dick Cheney to Dedicate Visitor Center in Grand Teton

Vice President Dick Cheney will dedicate the \$18.5 million Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Grand Teton National Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 11. Other speakers will include Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, Director of the National Park Service Mary Bomar, Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott, Susan Thomas, wife of the late Senator Craig Thomas for whom the building is named, and U. S. Senator Mike Enzi. The public is invited to the event and should arrive between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

For further information, please contact Roger Scott, Public Information Officer at (307) 739-3376. For information regarding the Vice President's participation in the dedication event, please contact the Vice President's Press Office at (202) 456-0373.

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### Traffic and Parking Information for Attendees and Park Visitors

While the dedication is open to the public, visitors will experience disruptions to traffic and parking services in the Moose Area during the afternoon of Friday, August 10 and the morning of Saturday, August 11. Traffic on Highway 26/89/191 and the Teton Park Road may be impacted due to parking and pedestrian access for opening events. Delays in the Moose area are expected on Friday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. To avoid delays at Saturday's dedication, attendees are strongly encouraged to arrive between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and to carpool.

The current Moose Visitor Center officially closes Friday, August 10 at 2 p.m., as operations transition to the new Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center across the Teton Park Road. The new center will open to the public on Saturday, August 11 at approximately noon, after the dedication ceremony. Visitors seeking information or permits on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning are encouraged to stop at the Greater Yellowstone and Jackson Hole Visitor Center on North Cache Street in Jackson or at the park's Jenny Lake and Colter Bay visitor centers.

Parking, restrooms and telephone service will be unavailable in the Moose Visitor Center area on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, August 10 and 11. Fishing and river access in the Moose area will also be impacted due to the ceremony and related activities on both days. Concession operated float trip operations will continue as usual in the Moose area; however, traffic will be rerouted to accommodate parking for the visitor center events. Private boaters are encouraged to launch from Jackson Lake Dam or Pacific Creek boat ramps to avoid the congested areas around Moose.

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