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Lightning-Caused Fire Near Delta Lake Managed for Resource Benefits

Teton interagency fire personnel will monitor the lightning-ignited Delta Fire, and manage it for resource benefits according to Grand Teton National Park's fire management plan. The Delta Fire is located in a rocky area northwest of Delta Lake in Glacier Gulch.

Lightning strikes from a thunderstorm that passed through the area on Monday morning, August 13, likely ignited the Delta Fire. The fire is estimated at less than .25 of an acre and is burning in an area vegetated by high elevation spruce and fir trees and grasses. Potential for the fire to spread is low, with fire growth constrained by rock faces and natural fuel breaks. No structures are threatened at this time, and no road or trail closures are in effect due to this fire though hikers near the fire should remain alert.

The Delta Fire was evaluated according to park and national fire policy procedures and approved for wildland fire use by an interagency fire management committee. Such naturally ignited fires are closely monitored to ensure public and firefighter safety, while allowing natural processes to function within a designated wildland fire use zone. The fire will be monitored daily to survey the fire's activity and growth.

The current fire danger rating is **High** for 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.

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