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## Interagency News Release

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### **Two New Wildland Fires to be Managed for Resource Benefits**

Teton interagency fire personnel will monitor two new lightning-caused fires located in Grand Teton National Park, and manage them as wildland fire use fires for resource benefits according to the park's fire management plan. The Forget-Me-Not Fire and the Matilda Fire, both approximately 0.10 acre in size, do not threaten structures and are not associated with any trail closures. The Reid Fire, which started on August 21 and is approximately 20 acres, continues in the northwestern corner of Grand Teton just south of Mt. Reid. The trail closure from Arizona Creek Trailhead to Bailey Creek meadows was lifted at noon today but could close again in the future if warm, dry conditions persist.

All three fires were 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 fires will be surveyed to track activity and growth.

The Forget-Me-Not Fire, observed midday on Wednesday, September 5, is located in Death Canyon across the trail toward the mouth of the Forget-Me-Not Lakes drainage and burning in an area of mixed conifer, spruce, and fir. Smoke was seen again late on September 7. Fire monitors will confirm its exact location and assess its potential for future growth tomorrow.

The Matilda Fire is located several hundred feet above the north shore of Emma Matilda Lake and was observed late Thursday afternoon, September 6. It also resulted from a lightning strike and is mainly limited to the initially struck tree, a large diameter Douglas fir. Nearby fuels are green reducing the potential for spread. No trail closures are currently in place around the shore.

The current fire danger rating is Moderate 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](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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