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Bridger-Teton National Forest Manages Pilgrim Fire For Resource Benefits

Moran, WY: A lightning-caused fire on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, located near Arizona Lake in the Teton Wilderness Area, is being allowed to burn for resource benefits. The fire is believed to have started on July 12, 2006.

The Pilgrim Fire, approximately 0.1 acre in size, is located just over a mile northeast of Arizona Lake and 2-miles northwest of Pilgrim Mountain. The fire is burning in timbered fuels and putting up smoke that is visible to visitors of Grand Teton National Park.

There are no road or trail closures in place because of this fire, and no structures are threatened in the area. As the situation changes, the need for trail or road closures will be assessed by fire management personnel.

The fire is being managed as a “wildland fire use” fire to accomplish resource objectives as outlined in the Bridger-Teton Fire Management Plan. The plan allows naturally ignited fires to burn within designated areas under specific management guidelines. The objective of the wildland fire use program is to allow natural ignitions to restore fire as an ecological process and natural agent of change within the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Based on current fire conditions, interagency fire managers have elevated the fire danger rating to **High**. This rating applies for both Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Fire managers consider several factors – including moisture content of various fuel types, current and expected weather trends, available fire-fighting resources, and local fire activity – when establishing or increasing the fire danger.

Currently there are no fire restrictions in place in either Grand Teton National Park or the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Interagency fire managers are looking at the conditions in and around the area, and coordinating with other neighboring agencies on the need for fire restrictions in the future.

For more information on the Pilgrim Fire, or other fires in the area, visit www.tetonfires.com or call the Bridger-Teton National Forest Fire Information Hotline at 307-739-5577.

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