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New Fires Ignite as Incident Management Teams Depart Bridger-Teton

As the Type I and Type II teams depart the Bridger-Teton National Forest after a job well done, lightning strikes ignited two fires, reminding us that fire season is far from over. Lightning strikes ignited two new fires on the Forest today, setting ablaze 3 acres in Bridger Wilderness near Toboggan Lake and another 1/10 of an acre approximately 3 miles North East of Cream Puff peak, 10 miles east of Hoback Junction.

Two helicopters and 10 crewmembers are managing the Toboggan Lake Fire, using "light hand" tactics to address the sensitivity of our wilderness areas. Ten additional crewmembers are on standby should they be needed. The unnamed fire near Cream Puff Peak is very small and is being managed by two Helitack firefighters. These fires have no impact on recreational opportunities in the area at this time.

It is important to remember that while the Jackson Hole Area has received a measurable amount of precipitation in the past five days, many areas of the Forest have received little if any rain from recent storms. All areas of the Forest are still dry and extreme caution should be exercised when using open flames on or near forested areas. Given these conditions, the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park urge everyone to practice fire safety while recreating in the Greater-Yellowstone Ecosystem. For information on ways you can practice fire safety, please contact the Bridger-Teton National Forest at (307) 739-5500 or check the Internet at www.tetonfires.com.

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