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## Grand Teton National Park Fire Management: Fire Education Display at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

The Jackson Hole Mountain Resort teamed up with local interagency fire personnel to create a fire education display at the popular ski area. The exhibit highlights local fire management actions and fire ecology of the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is located within the national forest and shares a portion of the park's southwest boundary.



Earlier this winter, the same agencies collaborated to include fire education in the resort's Ske-Cology program. Here, area ski instructors provide environmental education concepts to students during ski and snowboard lessons. The new fire education display case, located adjacent to the children's ski school lunch room at the Casper Restaurant, gives instructors an opportunity to expand on the subject of fire and its role in the local environment.

The fire education display showcases equipment such as protective clothing, a fire shelter, a drip torch used for ignition, and a belt weather kit for monitoring weather conditions. Also featured are educational CDs and videos, photographs, and defensible space information. Short narratives discuss wildland fire use and prescribed fire practices, suppression efforts, and wildland-urban interface challenges of local federal land managers. A fire ecology section of the display features tree species commonly found on the ski hill and a description of their fire adaptations.



The Casper Restaurant is located at mid-mountain and is the resort's only on-slope dining facility. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's Environmental Affairs Coordinator, Bryan Foster, assisted Teton Interagency fire personnel in transporting the materials to the site and setting up the display. The fire education message will continue to be a part of next year's program. "Environmental issues are pretty big," states Foster, "and we are taking steps to address them while still going forward with the business of providing amenities for visitors."