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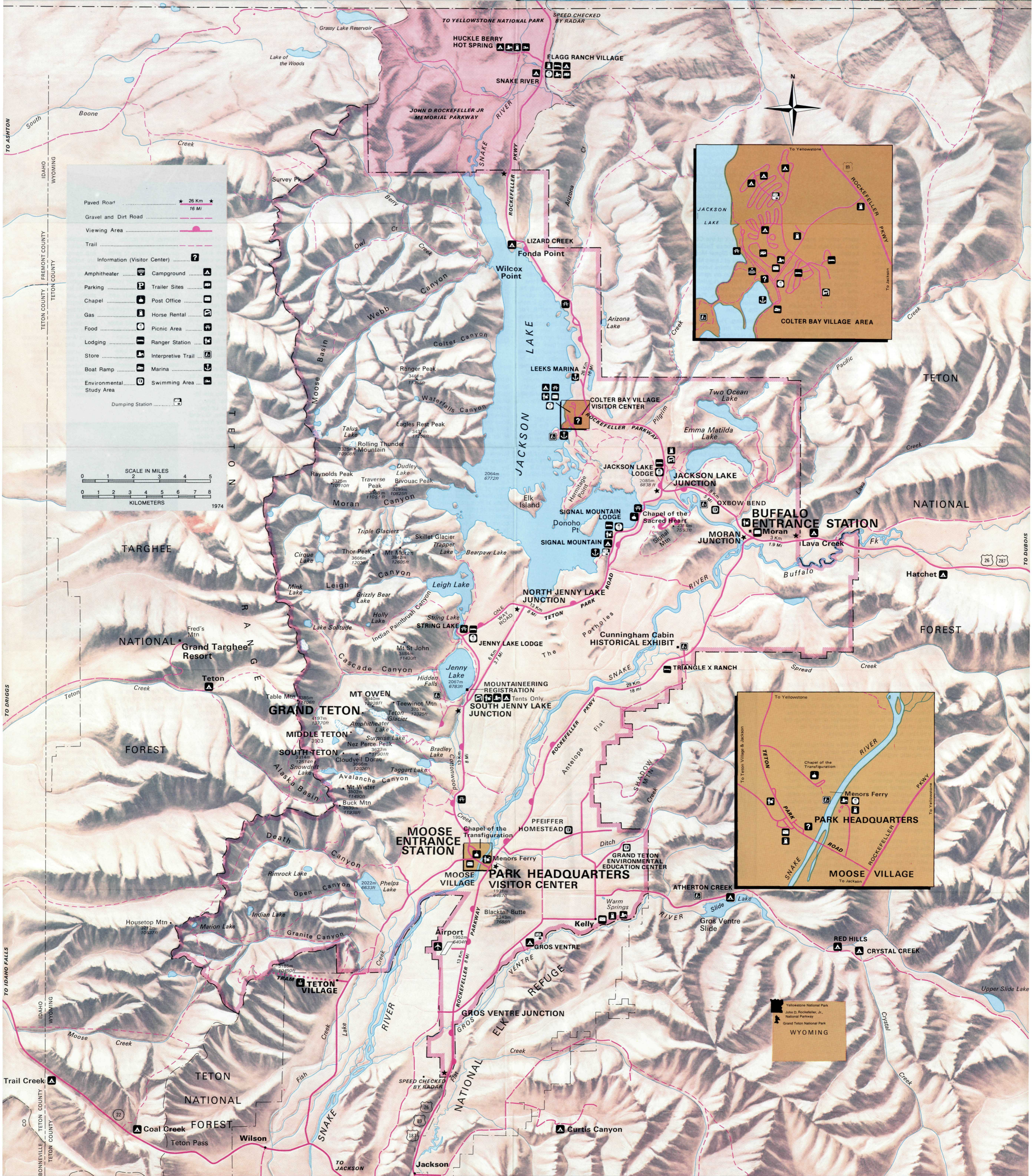
Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway are administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Moose, WY 83012, is in immediate charge of these parks.

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., MEMORIAL PARKWAY

The Parkway, the 132-kilometer (82-mile) Rockefeller Parkway, linking West Thumb in Yellowstone National Park with the South Entrance of Grand Teton National Park, was established on August 25, 1972, in recognition of John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s generosity. The main land area of the parkway, encompassing approximately 9,700 hectares (24,000 acres), lies between Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Within the parkway are an historic gravesite, army camp, freight station site, and a part of the Ashton-Moran freight road which operated until 1927.

From 1872 until 1907, the area was under Federal management primarily to prevent exploitation of the critical watershed. In 1908, the area became part of the Teton National Forest, and in 1972 it was transferred to the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

The Snake River is the principal natural feature of the parkway area, and it follows a winding course through the eastern half of the area before flowing into Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park. Picturesque, occasionally steep cliffs and rock outcrops punctuate the lodgepole pine highlands along the western rim of the area. The eastern side of the area predominantly contains lodgepole pine forests and open meadow areas and is adjacent to the Teton wilderness area of the Teton National Forest. The superintendent of Grand Teton National Park, whose address is Drawer 170, Moose WY 83012, is in charge of the parkway.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., 1874-1960. A distinguished citizen, prominent philanthropist, and noted conservationist, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., made many

gifts to the American people in the creation or expansion of a number of areas of the National Park System from coast to coast. These include Acadia National Park in Maine, Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, Virgin Islands National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia. Both in America and Europe, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., contributed to the restoration of historic monuments. The most notable example of his efforts is the restoration of Williamsburg, Va.

Visitor Services. Informational services, nature walks, and evening campfire programs are provided through the parkway ranger station, located 4 kilometer (.25 mile) north of Flagg Ranch Village on

U.S. 89-287. Information on the parkway is available through Dial-A-Park in Grand Teton. (307) 733-2220. Flagg Ranch Village: Gasoline is available throughout the year. May 15-September 30: Lodging, food, store, river float trips, horseback riding, trailer park with and without full hookups. December 15-March 15: Lodging, food, store, snowmobile, and cross-country ski rentals and snowcoach rides. Huckleberry Hot Springs: May 1-September 15: Tent camping, swimming pool, general store, laundry, and a service station with towing service.