Rock Cracks Near Yellowstone Volcano Cause Urgent Park Closure

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As if the world needed to get scarier, a 100-foot fissure has opened up in the Grand Teton National Park, not far from the potentially catastrophic Yellowstone volcano.

The giant crack located in the Wyoming-based national park has caused officials to conduct an “urgent closure” in the area in case of landslides. The Inspiration Point areas and The Hidden Falls are now closed due to an elevated potential for rockfall. Through a statement, park officials stated it is unknown how long the closure will be in effect, but geologists are monitoring the buttress for movement, and have initiated a risk assessment for the area.
It is still unclear how the crack opened, but it is likely due to normal seismic activity in the area. Despite it being around 100 kilometers from the Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton sits over the Yellowstone super-volcano. What does this mean for that? Well, if it was indeed seismic activity beneath Grand Teton that caused the fissure, it could be a sign that Yellowstone is reawakening. I don’t know about you, but that scares the bones out of me.

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sunlight, directly affecting the life beneath, creating a “nuclear winter”.

If the volcano exploded, there is expected to be a **climate shift** due to the volcano releasing massive amounts of sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere, which can form a sulphur aerosol that reflects and absorbs sunlight. Despite it erupting hundreds of thousands of years ago, scientists are still monitoring it constantly for any warning signs and volcanic activity. As of now, there are no signs of the lava apocalypse. So, we’re safe in that area, guys.
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unlikely) it could potentially be 6,000 times as powerful as the one that occurred in 1980 in Washington’s Mount St Helens, which killed 57 people and deposited ash in 11 different states and five Canadian provinces.

The United States Geological Survey, also known as USGS, put the odds of Yellowstone erupting at 0.00014 percent — lower than the odds getting hit by a civilization-destroying asteroid.

Wait…asteroid? You mean, we have to worry about that too? NASA, is there something we should know?

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