(WIP) Glaciation in Grand Teton National Park: Little Ice Age to 2021

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Abstract

Glaciers are responsible for some of the Teton Range's most iconic features, and remain important for both visitor recreation and as integral components of the alpine ecosystem. Much work remains to be done to document glacial change in the Teton range over the course of the last two centuries, from the end of the Little Ice Age (LIA) to the present day. Here we present: the first database of LIA glacial geology in the Teton Range, a series of remotely sensed change in aerial and volume extent from 1955-present day extended from Reynolds 2011 and Edmunds et al. 2012 [1], in situ data of Middle Teton surface elevation change and velocity from National Park Service-led efforts, preliminary GPR results from the first campaign in May 2021, and a slab model estimating ice thickness and volume across the range. These observations will help inform efforts to understand the future of ice in the Tetons as well as the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, from impacts on the alpine ecosystem to changing natural hazards for visitors.

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Another edit, this time its on my local machine in a branch of the original repo (i.e. not a forked version). I made the branch in the github website.

Introduction.{page_break_before}

The Teton Range is the defining feature of Grand Teton National Park, which lies just south of Yellowstone in the north-western corner of Wyoming. Its iconic landscape, of jagged peaks and gentle valleys, has been sculpted by glaciers over hundreds of thousands of years, but since the end of the Little Ice Age, Teton ice has rapidly disappeared. This study investigates the change in extent and volume of the park's 11 named glaciers from the Little Ice Age to 2021.

The remaining glaciers – Middle Teton, Teton, Teepe, Schoolroom, Petereson, Skillet, Falling Ice, West Triple, Middle Triple, East Triple, and Glacier Peak – subsist on and in north- and east-facing walls and valleys scattered throughout the park, protected by steep terrain that shades the ice surface from sun and provides extra accumulation through avalanching and wind-blown snow.

Terminal and lateral moraines produced during the Little Ice Age (1300-1850, cite) delineate these glaciers, as well as trace the ghosts of those that have melted into ice fields, rock glaciers, and rock strewn landscapes. These moraines can give us an estimate of ice volume from approximately ~1850. Since then, glacial change has been driven by natural warming, anthropogenic climate change, and topographical influences.

Compared to their neighbors in the north (Glacier National Park and Yellowstone National Park), south (the Rockies), and east (Wind River Range), Teton glaciers have been far less studied. This work publishes for the first time a record of: Little Ice Age glacial, a time series of aerial and volumetric change for all eleven glaciers from 1950-2021, and in-situ observations from Middle Teton Glacier from 2016-2021.

This paper combines remotely sensed, in situ, and modeled data and outputs to comprehensively examine the changes in Teton glaciation since the Little Ice Age. Little Ice Age moraines and trimlines provide an estimate of ice volume and extent. Aerial and satellite imagery produce a timeseries of aerial change between 1950-2021, and are used to generate digital elevation models to estimate ice volume loss across seven decades. In situ data collection has generated high resolution surface elevation changes of Middle Teton Glacier over the last seven years, providing a benchmark for future glacier work. Finally, two simple models (ice slab, VOLTA) allow us to estimate current ice volume in the landscape.

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The Teton Range in northwest Wyoming is home to 11 named glaciers and a handful? dozens? of permanent snow and icefields. About forty miles long and ten miles across, the mountain range is an (ecological? geological?) continuation of the Rockies that lies northwest of the Wind River Range within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Since the end of the Little Ice Age (~1850-1870) CITE, glaciers in this range have retreated or disappeared entirely. Geologic remnants of these glaciers, in the form of moraines and trimlines, can be mapped throughout the park. The surviving glaciers have primarily east- and north-facing aspects, and are, for the most part, topographically protected by large rock walls. These walls provide both steep surfaces for snow to accumulate and avalanche from, onto the glacier surface, and protect the glacier from wind scouring.

While nearby glaciers have been documented and studied (CITE- GNP, Wind River, Rockies), the Teton range glaciers have been generally overlooked. This work aims to qualitatively and quantitatively record glacial change in the Tetons over the last 150-170 years, from the end of the LIA to 2021.

Little Ice Age Glacier Identification

LIA moraines were digitized primarily from 2014 LiDAR imagery (CITE) with a hillshade applied (QGIS). These data were corroborated and augmented by ==year== National Agricultural Inventory Program (NAIP) aerial imagery and ==add data refs==. Little Ice Age moraines are found far upvalley of dated moraines from the Last Glacial Maximum [2]. LGM deglaciation began around 13.8ka and finished by 11.5ka according to lake sediment records [3]. No cosmogenic dating of LIA moraines exist in the literature. We initially followed the methods outlined in Martin-Mikle 2019 [4], delimiting the LIA location and size of glaciers from the presence of a terminal moraine, the presence of lateral moraines, and a size requirement of 0.01 km^2. However, not all of the 11 named glaciers fit this criteria; these are outlined in light red in Figure 1. Because of their relevance to park history and visitation, they are included here but with the caveat that their size may limit the relevance of our analysis. Trimelines were only visible for... We estimated minimum and maximum extent using the GlaRe [5] package in ArcGIS Pro to reconstruct ice extent in the LIA.

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The criteria used for identifying the former size and location of glaciers were (1) the presence of a terminal moraine; (2) the presence of lateral moraines; and (3) whether the identified glacier area exceeded 0.01 km2. A potential glacier was not omitted if it failed to meet both of the first two criteria (i.e., a LIA glacier that terminated at a cliff with well-defined lateral moraines but no discernible terminal moraine). [[martin-mikleGlacierRecessionLittle2019?]]

VOLTA[6], which employs an augmented slab model, was used to remove ice to determine full extent... corroborated by comparing ice thickness between glaciers that have completely disappeared and those that remain...

Change in Aerial Extent

Digital Elevation Model timeseries

Digital Elevation Models were generated using HIPP and HSFM (CITE).

In-Situ Data

To better understand the change in ice volume and extent, surveys have been conducted at Middle Teton glacier since 2015/6. These include surface elevation surveys, ablation stake installation and monitoring, accumulation surveys through snow pits and snow probe surveys, and most recently, ground-penetrating radar. While most of the focus of the glacier monitoring program in the Tetons is on Middle Teton Glacier, timelapse cameras and air temperature sensors were also installed at four other sites across the park.

Surface Elevation Surveys

At the end of the ablation season (usually early September) a team of park scientists and climbing rangers conducts a surface elevation survey and terminus survey to measure high resolution changes in surface height and terminus location. Surveyors followed a pre-determined grid (add point spacing) as closely as possible, with slight deviations for crevassing and rockfall hazard.

Ablation Stake Surveys

Ablation stakes are deployed yearly on Middle Teton Glacier. One-meter sections of PVC pipe are precut, labeled with the site identifier, year, and stake section number, and connected via accesssory cord. The appropriate length for an ablation stake was site-specific, determined by adding the amount of accumulation measured by snow probe to the maximum estimated ice ablation and an additional two meters for anchoring; most stakes were 10-13 m in length. A Heucke steam drill [7] was used to drill the hole for installing the stakes. Stakes were installed in late May/early June in 2019, 2020, and 2021 to measure surface ablation and surface velocity and their locations were marked using a Trimble (CITE). Most sites were revisited twice throughout the season to measure ablation and take a GPS reading. Sites were visited in subsequent seasons if they were able to be located. The locations of the stakes can be found in Figure 1, and the surface velocities and ablation measurements are in Figure 2. ADD DATA PROCESSING

Accumulation surveys

To estimate seasonal accumulation, the park collected snow probe measurements and digs two snow pits at the end of the accumulation season (late May - early June) in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Snow probe measurements are taken at 25 m spacing along lines perpendicular to glacier flow/steepness; lines were separated by ~50m as conditions allowed. Surveyors noted the type of transition as either firn or glacial ice. In addition, two snow pits are dug down to the previous year's summer surface at the location of the highest and lowest ablation stakes. Snow density is sampled every 0.5m depth to the bottom of the pit using a 500cc density cutter and a scale.

Seasonal timelapse imagery and repeat photo points

Timelapse cameras (cite) are installed seasonally at five of the eleven glaciers: Middle Teton, Teton Glacier, Falling Ice Glacier, Peterson Glacier, and Schoolroom Glacier. Cameras are mounted on boulders or trees using pitons and/or webbing at the beginning of the summer season, usually in June

the melting snowpack clears trails for travel. They are set to record four images per day at 1100, 1130, 1200, and 1230. Cameras are recovered at the end of the season. Images are then selected to maximize visibility of the terminus and snowline while minimizing shadow and shadow movement. If possible, images from the same sun angle are chosen throughout the summer. Usually this means images near the beginning of the season are selected from 1230 or 1200, and images from later in the season are chosen from 1100 or 1130. If weather or other elements obscure the image, an image from a different (preferably, neighboring) time is chosen instead. Timelapse videos are compiled using Windows Movie Maker.

Repeat photos of Middle Teton, Teton Glacier, Falling Ice Glacier, Peterson Glacier, Schoolroom Glacier, Teepe Glacier, and Glacier Peak are also taken every summer season at set locations (FIGURE?) using a camera, tablet, or smartphone. These photos are used to capture a different angle from the timelapse cameras or to track glaciers where no timelapse imagery is available.

Skillet and the three Triple glaciers are not actively monitored by the park.

Air temperature sensors

Air temperature sensors (HOBO Pendant Temperature Data Logger) are installed yearly at five glaciers (Middle Teton, Teton Glacier, Falling Ice Glacier, Peterson Glacier, and Schoolroom Glacier) as well as in non-glaciated canyons and along sites at the base of the range (FIGURE?). The air temperature sensors are calibrated yearly to a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) certified device in both room-temperature and ice baths to verify that the loggers remained within +/- 0.53°C to the NIST device reading from 0° to 50°C. The loggers are programmed to record data once an hour pre-deployment and mounted on trunks 10-15 feet above the ground within tree stands with solar radiation shielding following Holden and others (2013) [doi? 10.1016/j.agrformet.2013.06.011].

Ground-penetrating radar

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Results

Conclusions

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