

Bridger-Teton National Forest



2021/22

WINTER POSITION OUTREACH NOTICE

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is currently outreaching for winter positions. **All jobs are open seven days from March 25 through April 5. Positions to start in late November/Early December and if unable to fill positions through this vacancy announcement, we may have to advertise through a new vacancy in the upcoming months. Please contact the hiring managers below for more information.** Government housing may be available. These positions will be temporary, not to exceed 1039 hours. All positions will be advertised on USAJOBS: www.usajobs.gov.

Those that wish to be considered must apply to the corresponding announcement number by ***the day the vacancy announcement closes, midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST)***. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed closing date and are found to be qualified will be referred to the hiring manager for consideration.

How to apply: Apply online at USAJobs.gov. This online application process allows applicants to submit employment information that can be printed for personal use and/or edited on the website for future use. If you do not have a USAJOBS account the system will help you establish one. Your account can be used for other federal job vacancies.

Important: If you wish to be considered for this position, you must apply prior to the closing date listed on the vacancy announcement. Please specify which duty location you wish to be considered for.

More Information on how to apply for federal jobs: <https://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs/how-to-apply>

About the Forest:

The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) is part of the largest intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states. The 3.4 million acres stretch from the southern border of Yellowstone National Park, covering the entire eastern flank of Grand Teton National Park, wrapping around Jackson Hole valley, to the sagebrush prairies of southwest-central Wyoming. The BTNF is characterized by high elevation coniferous forests, sage/grass steppes, mountain ranges and deep valleys, large expanses of wild lands and three wilderness areas, abundant wildlife, and internationally recognized scenic and natural features.

The BTNF includes headwaters of three nationally significant rivers (Yellowstone, Snake and Green). Tributaries to these rivers are considered exceptional in trout habitat and home to native strains of cutthroat trout. Over three hundred miles of the Snake River is designated as a Wild, Scenic, or Recreational River. Some of the largest and most diverse populations of mammals in North America exist here. This ecosystem still includes all of the major carnivores, an indication of its ecological completeness. The BTNF includes undisturbed habitat for threatened and endangered species including the grizzly bear. The Forest's wild lands are large and relatively unaltered by human activity, making them valuable for scientific study and determining baseline conditions for comparison elsewhere.

Recreation opportunities and scenic quality are internationally renowned. The BTNF attracts over 3.6 million visitors each year. The three wilderness areas cover over 1.3 million acres; the Bridger, the Teton and the Gros Ventre totaling more than one-third of the BTNF acreage, and containing major migration routes for wildlife. The Forest offers some of the nation's best opportunities for winter sports. Three ski resorts, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Snow King, and White Pine are located on the Forest. The backcountry landscape contains a multitude of cross-country skiing trails and miles of trails for snowmobiling. Summer recreation contains a trail system of some 3,000 miles and a network of scenic roads stretching more than 2,500 miles. The Forest also offers unique features such as the scenic and challenging Snake River Canyon, where more than 150,000 visitors float through its whitewater each year; the Gros Ventre Slide, one of the largest natural landslides in the country; Periodic Springs on Swift Creek near Afton, which is one of the few cold-water geysers in the world; Fremont Lake, the second largest lake in the State of Wyoming, and one of the deepest in the U.S.; Kendall Warm Springs known as the only home for the Kendall Warm Springs Dace; and Gannett Peak (elev. 13,804) the highest point in Wyoming.

The BTNF also has important commodity resources. Scientists believe that there are large reserves of oil and gas trapped beneath the Forest landscape. Pine, spruce and fir have long supported the logging industry. The Forest offers 16,000-20,000 ccf with about 8000-10,000 ccf of firewood annually. The BTNF also contains some of the most ecologically intact grazing lands in Wyoming. Intact native plant communities on the BTNF support large ungulate grazers, including both native wildlife species and permitted domestic livestock use. Most ranches in Western Wyoming rely on public land livestock grazing. Domestic livestock grazing is one of the many multiple uses provided for on the BTNF.

Forestry Technician/Recreation (Snow Ranger)

Snow Rangers are responsible for patrolling all aspects of winter activities that include patrolling wilderness boundaries and other areas restricted to motorized and/or human use (such as winter wildlife critical range) in support of Forest Service travel plan regulations, Forest plans, and Federal law. Snow Rangers serve as Forest Protection Officer and support Law Enforcement Officers in dealing with violations of Forest Service rules and regulations. Snow Rangers may be required to aid in search and rescues or be first responder to medical incidents that occur on National Forest Lands.

Snow Rangers perform a variety of tasks in the field, including, but not limited to: maintenance of assigned snowmobiles, maintenance of winter trail signage and trail maintenance; enforcement of wilderness boundaries and winter critical wildlife habitat; assist with avalanche information by digging snow pits and making observations to relay to the BTNF Avalanche Center; responsible for making public contacts in and around parking areas, on the snowmobile trails, and in the backcountry; check snowmobilers for required Wyoming state snowmobile registration and user fee; assist in a variety of educational programs involving winter use and safety. This is primarily a field going position and Snow Rangers are expected to spend 90 percent of their time working in winter conditions and in inclement weather.

Selectee should have the following qualifications:

- Skill in alpine, cross country skiing and snowmobiling in steep backcountry avalanche terrain to safely perform required tasks of the position
- Proficient in riding snowmobiles in deep powder, off trail and in rugged and heavily forested terrain
- Ability to use a GPS unit, SPOT Locator unit, map and compass, and the ability to ride and safely operate a snowmobile in rugged and remote mountainous environments in deep powder conditions.
- Knowledge of snowmobile safety, 4-wheel drive vehicles, or other comparable equipment.
- Ability to use mobile hand-held radios to effectively communicate with Dispatchers and other Forest Service personnel.
- Ability to keep calm and think clearly in stressful situations
- Knowledge of winter travel methods and survival.
- Current Forest Protection Officer.
- Medical certification as Wilderness First Responder, EMT-B, or WEMT is desirable
- Completed professional avalanche training: Accredited Level 1 or better.

| Title | Number of positions | Duty stations | Contact | Grade levels | Announcement number |
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| Forestry Tech (Recreation) PD: TH2330 | | Big Piney | Josh Winkler 307-828-5114/276-5821 joshua.winkler@usda.gov | GS-5 | <u>Announcement Number:</u> 21-TEMP5-R4-2330-5DT-SB <u>Open Date:</u> March 25 <u>Close Date:</u> April 5 |
| | | Kemmerer | Josh Winkler 307-828-5114/276-5821 joshua.winkler@usda.gov | | |

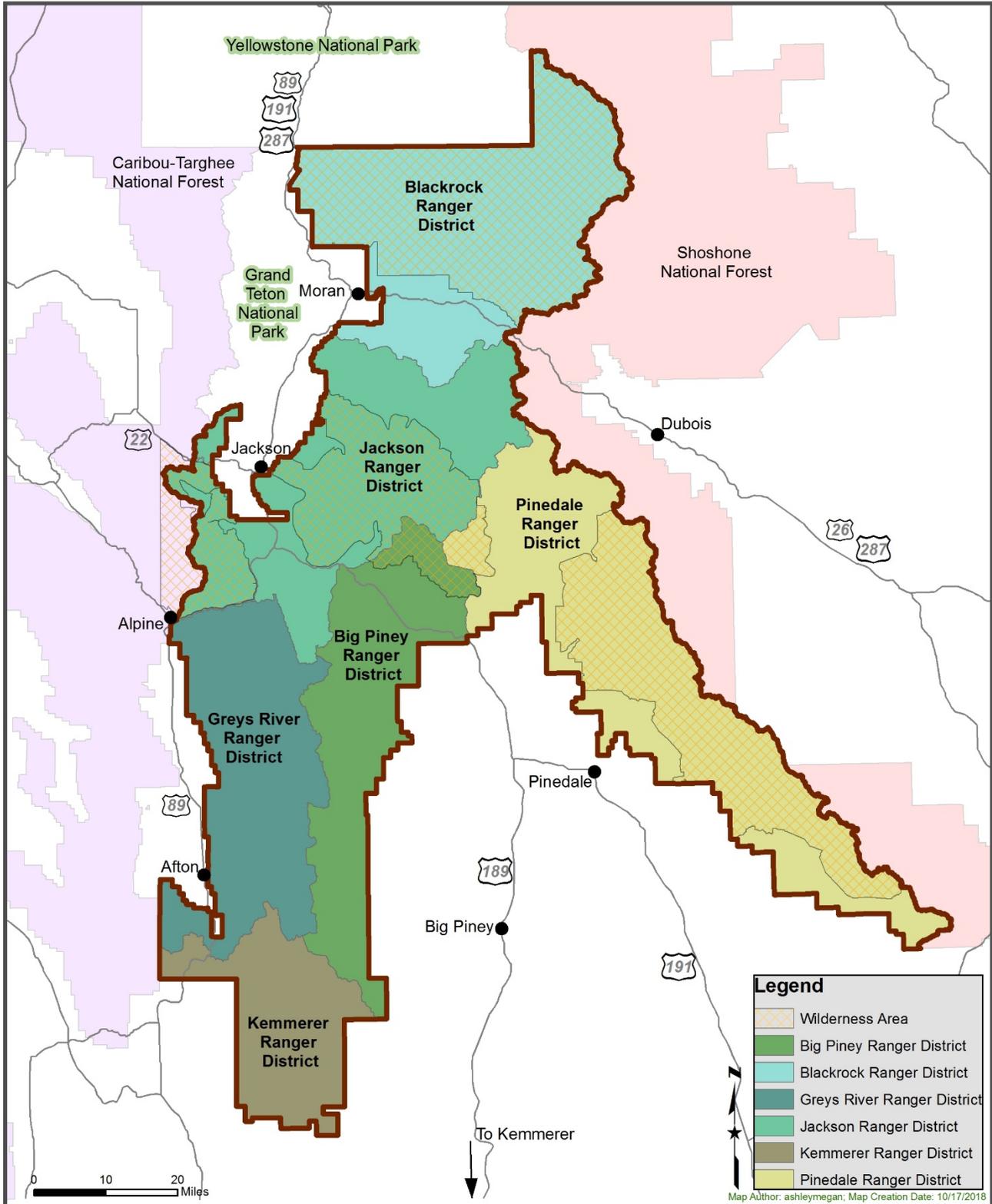
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| Forestry Technician (Recreation) PD: TH3416 | 1 | Afton Moran Pinedale | Marinda Rogers-Gardner marinda.rogers-gardner@usda.gov 307-886-5322 Rick Taylor 307-543-3911 richard.taylor@usda.gov Patrick Riggan 307-367-5719 patrick.r.riggan@usda.gov | GS-5 | Announcement Number: 21-TEMP5-R4-3416-5DT-SB Open Date: March 25 Close Date: April 5 |
| Forestry Technician (Recreation) PD: TH3876 | 1 | Pinedale | Patrick Riggan 307-367-5719 patrick.r.riggan@usda.gov | GS-6 | Announcement Number: 21-TEMP5-R4-3876-6DT-SB Open Date: March 25 Close Date: April 5 |

About the duty stations:

The map below shows the six duty stations on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.



BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST



Kemmerer:

The town of Kemmerer is a small community located high in the rolling hills of Western Wyoming in the Green River Basin along the Hams Fork River. The elevation is 6,927 feet with a population of approximately 3,126. The Kemmerer area offers an abundance of fishing, hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, and snowmobiling. Golfers also enjoy a challenging nine-hole golf course set near the Hams Fork River. Several benefit tournaments are conducted throughout the summer. Kemmerer offers four private quarries where you can dig your own fossils, and is the home of Fossil Butte National Monument, an 8,198 acre natural area that was established in 1972 and many historic cut-off trails of the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. Housing may be available.

Big Piney:

Big Piney/ Marbleton area is a small community of about 1200 people and is located on Highway 189, 45 miles south west of Pinedale and 90 miles south of Jackson, Wyoming. Big Piney is a rural community with an economic focus on ranching and oil and gas production. Although small, the friendly community offers a multitude of benefits with a great library, fitness center, new bowling alley and movie theater. Located just 30 minutes east of the Wyoming Range (page 1 photo) and 10 minutes from the Green River the fishing, hiking, hunting and all other outdoor opportunities are abundant. Housing may be available.

Grey's River (Afton):

Greys River Ranger District office is located in Afton, the largest town in Star Valley. Afton has a population of about 2,000. Star Valley is 60 miles long by 5 miles wide, located between the Idaho-Wyoming border to the west and the Salt River Range on the east; town elevation is 6,134 feet. The town boasts the largest Elkhorn Arch in the world spanning 75 feet and containing over 3000 antlers donated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Nearby Periodic Spring, which is an extremely rare cyclic stream or cold-water 'geyser', is a national forest visitor attraction, and forest access begins just east of town. Groceries and entertainment options are within walking or biking distance. Housing may be available, and a district bike makes getting around handy.

Pinedale:

The Town of Pinedale sits at an elevation of 7,200 feet at the base of the Wind River Range, providing amazing views of the Continental Divide. The Pinedale Ranger District, located in Pinedale WY, is 80 miles southeast of Jackson, WY and 100 miles North of Rock Springs WY. At 830,000 acres in size, the Pinedale Ranger District offers a wide range of recreation settings and opportunities for both locals and visitors, including the entire 428,169-acre Bridger Wilderness. With over 2,300 lakes, 48 peaks above 12,500 feet (including Gannet Peak, the highest peak in Wyoming), and 500 miles of trails, the Bridger Wilderness offers internationally-recognized backpacking, fishing, climbing, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. Outside of the Wilderness you can find glacial-carved lakes providing excellent opportunities for developed and dispersed camping, fishing, boating, hunting, horseback riding, and motorized recreation. Housing may be available.

Blackrock (Moran):

The Blackrock Ranger Station is located 40 miles North of Jackson and 8 miles east of Moran, Wyoming. The District manages approximately 750,000 acres of National Forest System lands, 585,486 acres of which are within the Teton Wilderness. The area is extremely beautiful with the Teton Range in full view from most of the District. There is an abundance of wildlife such as moose, elk, mule deer, grizzly bear, black bear, and trumpeter swan. The closest towns to Blackrock are Jackson and Dubois, each approximately 40 miles away. With a population of approximately 8000, Jackson is a full service community with shopping, hospital, movie theaters and an airport. Dubois is much smaller, with a population of 2,000, and has basic services. The nearest major city is Idaho Falls, (2 hour drive) with a population of 150,000. Housing may be available.