



USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region **BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST**



Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor



Chad Hudson is the Forest Supervisor of the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyoming. Prior to starting on the Bridger-Teton in the spring of 2022, Chad served as the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. He has served with the U.S. Forest Service for over 20 years holding positions in range, recreation and NEPA in Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and at the Washington Office. Whether its keeping our many partners and collaborative groups informed, serving as co-chair of the Intermountain Regional Budget Team or in his capacity as “executive member” of the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, life is always exciting and interesting on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is 3.4 million acres and is adjacent to both Grand-Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge. The Bridger-Teton has three nationally dedicated wilderness areas, which include the Bridger Wilderness, the Gros Ventre Wilderness, and the Teton Wilderness.

Many of Bridger-Teton’s visitors wish to view the diverse wildlife. The Forest provides habitat for an abundance of species. Examples of wildlife include grizzly bear, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and large raptors.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem which is the largest intact ecosystem in the continental United States. It has played an important part in the recovery of species such as the wolf, grizzly bear, and white bark pine.

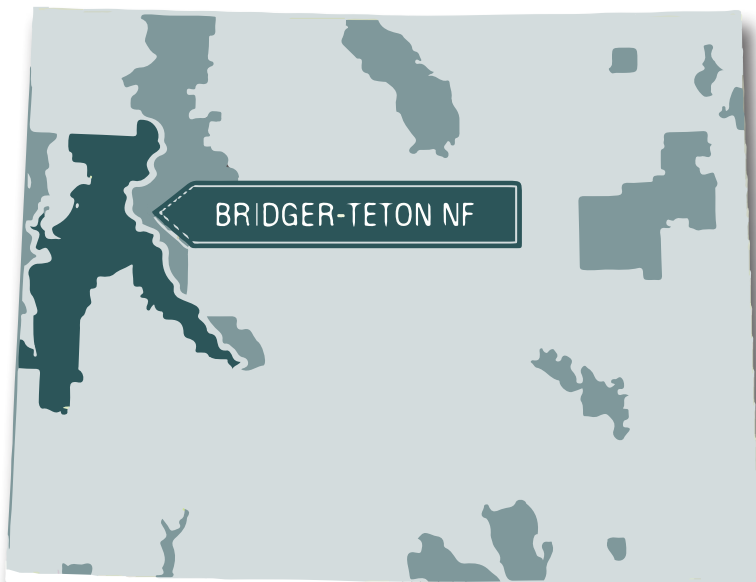


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ABOUT THE FOREST (CONTINUED)

The Upper Snake River is known for its crystal clear waters, unique geology, numerous recreation adventures, and amazing varieties of wildlife. The Forest has 315-miles of wild and scenic rivers, some of which are very popular. Most notably, the Snake River is visited by 200,000 forest users each summer for the whitewater and scenic sections. The Forest is a recreation destination year-round with three ski areas and access to the Continental Divide Scenic Trail, as well as many front country opportunities such as multiday horse and backpacking trips, 3,000 miles of road and trail, and a host of scenic recreational opportunities.

The Bridger-Teton surrounds a variety of communities in western Wyoming including Jackson, Pinedale, Kemmerer and Alpine, and supports a variety of economic and social needs in those communities. This includes both cattle and sheep grazing, outfitter and guide businesses, small level of oil and gas leasing, and timber harvest. The Forest does support an active fuels management program, which includes a mix of mechanical treatment, prescribed fire, and managing wildfires for a range of resource benefits.



The BTNF has approximately 32,000 cattle and 40,000 sheep grazing annually across 106 allotments covering 1.6M acres.



Every winter there are over 700,000 skier user days on 3 different ski areas.



The Summer workforce is approximately 250 employees annually with seasonal and permanent staff.



In 2022 there were 130 abandoned or unattended campfires reported down 17% from 2021.



The BTNF completed 2041 acres of prescribed fire in 2022.



12,568 CCF of timber was sold in 2022.



The BTNF collects over \$1M in fees from campgrounds, rental cabins, outfitter and guide permits, and other uses.



The BTNF maintains approximately 250 miles of roads annually.