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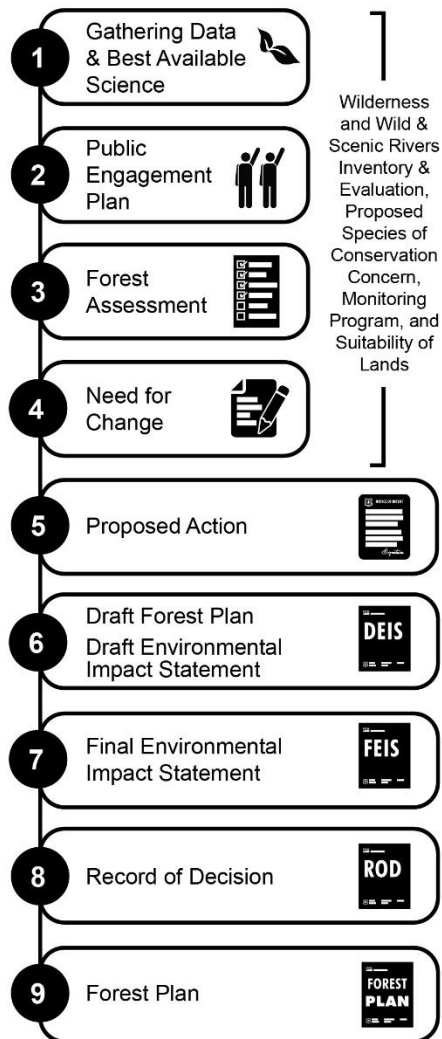
Bridger-Teton Initiates Revision Process

The Bridger-Teton National Forest published the intent to prepare an assessment and initiate the land management plan revision process in the Federal Register, on May 29, 2024. There is no formal comment period now but stay tuned for opportunities to comment on the draft assessment and contribute to the need for change later in 2024.

The draft assessment is the first step in the process to update direction of the forest plan, which was adopted in 1990. This report will summarize information about existing ecological, social and economic conditions, and trends affecting the forest. It will cover 15 topic areas, such as terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, wildlife, water, fire, range and forest management, air quality, roads and trails, access, recreation, designated areas, and cultural resources. The report is not a decision document but does provide the foundation to determine what needs to change to improve guidance for forest management in the future.

We welcome your initial thoughts on important topics for the future, trends, and what makes the forest distinctive. You can provide your thoughts via the Story Map and comment form and sign up to receive plan revision news on the [Bridger-Teton Plan Revision Hub](#). The webpage was recently updated to offer a variety of documents and links to learn about forest planning. We encourage you to learn what a forest plan is, why it's important, and all the steps in the revision process. It also outlines public involvement opportunities, a calendar of events, and more.

Forest Plan Revision Timeline



Forest Plan Revision Takes Time

The Bridger-Teton is in the very early stages of revising its forest plan. Revising the plan is a big project that requires a focused, sustained effort of four to six years—it is a marathon, not a sprint. The Bridger-Teton is a big landscape with diverse communities and interests. We are committed to active engagement and developing productive relationships which take time and are more important than rushing the process.

Given the length of the process, patience and perseverance are crucial. Typically, the assessment phase takes one to two years, developing the forest plan components takes another year or longer, and preparing the environmental impact statement and record of decision takes two years.

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