



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Bridger-Teton National Forest  
Jackson and Buffalo Ranger Districts  
Wildlife Biologist  
April 3, 2009**

### **About the Position**

The Bridger-Teton National Forest will soon be filling a permanent Wildlife Biologist in the GS-486-09/11 series. This position is a zone position located on the Jackson and Buffalo Ranger Districts. Duty station is negotiable between the Jackson and Buffalo Ranger Districts. The incumbent works under the direction and supervision of both District Rangers. Wildlife resources in this area are world renowned. This position is responsible for managing the zone wildlife program and providing specialist support to zone and Forest projects. National Forest lands managed by the Jackson and Buffalo Ranger Districts are located adjacent to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge. The incumbent is responsible for coordinating with these land managers in addition to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, numerous researchers, and non-governmental organizations, in addition to other Forest Service units within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

**Government housing may be available for this position.**

### **The Region**

The Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests and one National Grassland in [Utah](#), [Nevada](#), western [Wyoming](#), and southern and central [Idaho](#) and covers 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest Systems. There are approximately 2200 permanent employees in Region 4.

### **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 Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is a loosely defined area 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 Forest 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.

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. Two major ski resorts, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and Snow King, 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 3000 miles and a network of scenic roads stretching more than 2500 miles. The Forest also offers unique features such as the scenic and challenging Snake River Canyon, where more than 150 thousand 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 coldwater 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. Approximately 360,000 acres are open to oil and gas leasing.

Pine, spruce and fir have long supported the local logging industry. The Forest offers approximately 10 to 12 million board feet annually, of which about one third is non-commercial firewood, and post and poles for fences. The timber volume continues on a declining trend, reflecting the societal values for wildlife, scenic landscapes, and sense of place.

The BTNF also contains some of the richest grazing lands in Wyoming, where more than 40,000 cattle, 2000 horses and, and 80,000 sheep graze annually.

### **The Jackson Ranger District**

The Jackson Ranger District covers roughly 695,411 acres that are bounded by Grand Teton National Park, Teton Basin and Palisades Ranger Districts of the Caribou-Targhee; Buffalo, Pinedale, Big Piney, and Big Piney Ranger Districts of the Bridger-Teton; the Wind River Ranger District of the Shoshone National Forest; the National Elk Refuge; and private lands. Due in part to the scarcity of private lands, the district manages over 240 outfitter and guide and recreation special use permits, and roughly 230 non-recreation special use permits. This setting combined with being a national destination for tourism make the Jackson district one of the most complex in Region 4. The district is has an excellent tenured staff. The district manages most of the 287,000 acre Gros Ventre Wilderness, whose western boundary is less than ½ mile from the town of Jackson. The District manages two ski areas and several developed campgrounds. There is a high volume of recreation use through outfitter guides, several developed campgrounds, and dispersed use. There are several guard stations on the

district. The district is actively addressing a number of Wildland Urban Interface issues through the fire and fuels, and vegetation management programs. The grazing program includes 2 forage reserves and 6 active allotments. The district has an active timber and wildlife program as well. Working relationships with other agencies, local government, and many non-governmental organizations are very good with many partnerships ongoing.

### **The Community**

Jackson, Wyoming, home of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Supervisor Office, lies in the Jackson Hole Valley which is approximately sixty miles long by twenty miles wide. This beautiful alpine valley is a magical playground nestled in the shadow of the towering, majestic Teton Mountains on the west and the Gros Ventre Mountains on the east. It is located in the northwestern corner of Wyoming. Jackson lies in Teton County which covers 2,873 square miles. Jackson's elevation is approximately 6,237 feet above sea level.

The alpine climate results in four distinct seasons. During recent years the coldest temperature recorded was -36°F on December 12, 1990 and the warmest recorded was 95°F on June 25, 1988. Snowfall ranges from 88 to 400 inches per year depending on location. Annual rain precipitation averages 15.2 inches.

Jackson is a world renowned resort town with a population of 8,000+ inhabitants. "Something for everyone" is the perfect description for Jackson - tennis, swimming, golfing, shopping, world renowned skiing resorts (Snow King, Teton Village, and Targhee), the Grand Teton Music Festival's classical music, and of course, all the great outdoor recreational sports such as hiking, mountain climbing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, boating, four wheeling, wildlife viewing, whitewater rafting, bicycling, horseback riding and camping.

Jackson Hole is served by the Teton County School District, Central Wyoming College, and several private and religious pre-schools, kindergartens and elementary schools.

	Number of Schools
Kindergarten	1
Elementary	6
Middle School	1
High School	1

Teton County employed 23,987 people in 2004 at an unemployment rate of 3.1%. There is a high percentage of governmental employment in Teton County. The governmental agencies are represented by the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, the National Elk Refuge, Wyoming Game and Fish, Town of Jackson and Teton County employees.

Since only 3% of the land in Jackson Hole is privately owned, land and housing is extremely expensive. A three bedroom, standard home is priced around \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. A standard two/three bedroom rental cost \$1,800+ plus per month. There is a 6% State and County tax on goods. Real estate is high, but there is no personal income tax. There are two affordable housing programs

managed. Information on the Teton County Housing authority can be found at <http://www.tetonwyo.org/housing/> and the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust can be found at <http://www.housingtrustjh.org/>. Both districts also have trailer pads available for private trailers. **Government housing is available for this position at our Cottonwood Work Center 20 miles south of Jackson.**

Forest Service affiliated day care facilities are not available.

St. John's Hospital provides good health care services in the Jackson Hole area. Comprehensive care includes 24-hour emergency services, general surgery, professional home care, an outpatient Surgical Center, sports medicine, wellness programs and the St. John's Living Center long-term care facility. Other medical services include general internists, obstetricians, gynecologists, family physicians, radiologists, orthopedists, physical therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed social workers, ophthalmologists, a dermatologist, dentists, orthodontists, chiropractors, and EMT services.

There is a wide range of religious services available in area.

The Town of Jackson provides a 21 active-officer Police Department, 35 sworn County Sheriff Deputies, and 37 fire fighting trucks and water support equipment in the Volunteer Fire Department. Other utilities that are available are: electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, trash removal, recycling, and telephone communications.

Transportation into and out of Jackson is available via air service and auto. Three carriers provide year around air service. United Express services Jackson from Denver International Airport. Sky West/Delta Airlines serves Jackson from its hub in Salt Lake City. During the summer months and the ski season, Jackson receives additional service from United Airlines and American Airlines providing non-stop service from markets such as Denver, Chicago and Dallas. Delta Airlines serves Jackson during the ski season from Salt Lake City. Car rentals and taxi service are available at several locations around town including the airport. Public and private bus service is provided between the airport, Jackson, and Teton Village.

Driving distances from Jackson are listed below:

To:	Miles
Kemmerer, Wyoming	155
Big Piney, Wyoming	90
Afton, Wyoming	70
Pinedale, Wyoming	77
Buffalo Ranger District	43
Ogden, Utah (Regional Office)	243
Billings, Montana	316
Casper, Wyoming	284
Denver, Colorado	512
Idaho Falls, Idaho	95
Salt Lake City, Utah	280
South entrance Yellowstone National Park	59

For more information on our community, **please contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce at (307) 733-3316 or on the web at [www.jacksonholechamber.com](http://www.jacksonholechamber.com).**

## **The Buffalo Ranger District**

Located on the north end of the Bridger-Teton National Forest and abutting the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, the Buffalo Ranger District is managed out of the Blackrock Ranger Station in Moran, Wyoming.

Situated in the scenic Buffalo Valley, the Ranger Station offers compound-style living, reminiscent of the Forest Service of decades ago. Beautiful scenery surround the station, as well as close access to the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and the Snake River. It is ideal for someone who is an avid fan of outdoor activities, with facilities for horses possibly available.

The town of Moran is very small, with a Post Office, a volunteer fire department, and a small but very high quality K-5 school that is part of the Jackson School District. The station is located approximately 40 miles north of Jackson, an easy drive most of the year, usually even in winter.

The District itself is nearly 700,000 acres, 585,000 of which are in the famous Teton Wilderness. The most remote spot in the lower 48 states can be found within the Teton Wilderness, as well as other famous locations. Three resorts and approximately 40 recreation residences are found on the District.

Most inhabitants of the Buffalo Valley travel to Jackson for most amenities, although a small clinic is located nearby in Grand Teton National Park, and several restaurants are also located within a few miles of the station.

For more information about the station, contact John Hagenruber, Buffalo District Ranger at (307) 543-0110.

Housing may be available.

## **Vacancy Announcement**

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) under vacancy announcement ADS08-FSJOBS-(WldBio)-0040G & DP. This is an Open Continuous vacancy announcement with no closing date. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by May 18, 2009. The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official on May 19, 2009. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

**Outreach Response**

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Dale Deiter, at 307-739-5410, or email at [ddeiter@fs.fed.us](mailto:ddeiter@fs.fed.us), or return the attached interest form. Please respond no later than May 18, 2009.