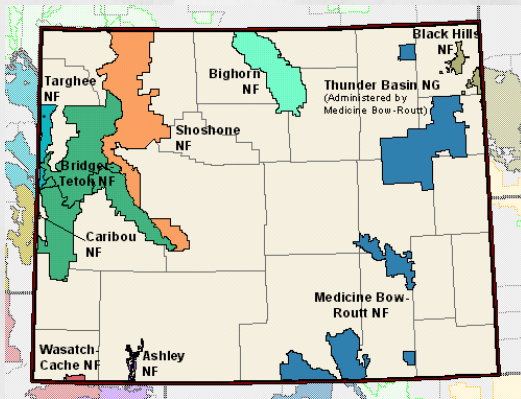


Sharing in a Sustainable Recreation Future for Wyoming National Forests

National Forests in this Wyoming:

- Bridger – Teton R4
- Ashley R4
- Caribou – Targhee R4
- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache R4
- Bighorn R2
- Shoshone R2
- Medicine Bow-Routt R2
- Black Hills R2



- 15% of Wyoming's land is Forest Service managed which equates to...
- 9.7 million acres of land
- 3.5 million visits to Wyoming's national forests in 2018*
- 21 Ranger Districts

Wyoming's Outdoor Economy

- \$5.6 billion in consumer spending
- 50,000 direct jobs
- \$1.6 billion in wages and salaries
- \$514 million in state and local tax revenue

In addition to 8 National Forests Wyoming has....

- 2 National Parks
- 2 National Monuments
- 14 State Parks
- 8 Ski Resorts

Tourism is the second largest industry in Wyoming, and outdoor recreation is a driving component.”
– Wyoming SCORP 2017

Wyoming Knows How to Get Involved

On the Bridger- Teton in 2018 there were...

- 128 Volunteers
- 80 Partnership & Organization Agreements
- 17 Youth Conservation Corps
- 2,743 Total Hours



Challenges and Opportunities

The Bridger-Teton: the lifeblood of a community

The state of Wyoming may be the least populated state in the country, but don't let that fool you. Jackson, the headquarters of the Bridger-Teton, has been growing in leaps and bounds the last few years. Recreation both in the B-T, and surrounding public lands, is large catalyst for the expansion, as well as community involvement, which plays an essential role in of the lifeblood of that area. From a trails group that employs and trains local youth, to an Avalanche Forecast Center with over a million social media hits (and multiple community groups involved), to it being **the first National Forest** to have a "Friends" group for the entire forest: the Friends of the Bridger Teton, the B-T has it all.

Other projects include the Blackrock Field Camp: an enormous 2 day event that brings together multiple community partners to host all the 4th and 5th graders of the Wind River Reservation, over 750 kids. They go to the Blackrock Ranger District to learn everything from outdoor knowledge/skills, to careers in our National Forests.

Wyoming is the least populated state in the country.



The 2016 United States Census Bureau report reflected the official population of Wyoming at 586,107, much of which is rural.

In contrast, approximately 8.9 million tourists came to visit the state in the last year, according to the Wyoming Office of Tourism. When asked, most stated they were coming to enjoy the natural resources and recreation that the state had to offer.

Potential Challenges to the Future of Recreation in Wyoming

- Population
 - Low number of urban cities
 - Decrease in rural communities
 - Retaining young active residents
- Increase in demand for outdoor opportunities
- Low capacity by agencies and recreation professionals to facilitate rising demands
- Developments in new technologies
 - Online resources/social media
 - Increased popularity in E-bikes, UTVs, and drones

