



## BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

**Outreach and Announcement**  
**GS-8/9 Zone Fuels AFMO on the Bridger-Teton National Forest**  
**Jackson, Wyoming**

Amended 10/02/2015

**Announcement#: 16-FIRESPRING-DFUEL-89G & DP**

Duty Location for this position will be Jackson, Wyoming  
Housing may be available.

The North Zone of the Bridger-Teton National Forest is planning to fill a Fuels AFMO in the near future. **Outreach responses are expected by October 31, 2015 and the application deadline will be November 02, 2015. The referral lists will be requested on November 02, 2015.** This is a permanent position, GS-0462-08/09, to be located in Jackson, Wyoming; tour of duty will be PFT and employment will be through the Bridger-Teton Forest. *Anyone interested in further information should e-mail Steve Markason, Zone FMO, at [smarkason@fs.fed.us](mailto:smarkason@fs.fed.us) or 307-739-5431.*

To apply and for more information go to: <https://www.usajobs.gov>

This position will be posted on USAJOBS soon.

## **The Position**

The Bridger-Teton (B-T) National Forest will soon be advertising a GS-9 Fuels AFMO Position to be stationed at the Jackson Ranger District. The position will be advertised as a GS-8/9 462 series. This position falls under the Forest Service Fire Program Management Standards (FS-FPM). The applicant must meet FS-FPM qualifications for a Fuels AFMO (Position Description – FS0934/FS0867). These qualifications are: RXB2 and Engine Boss (ENGB) OR Crew Boss (CRWB) OR Helicopter Manager Boss (HMGB) OR Felling Boss (FELB) or Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB). This is a secondary firefighter position under 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). Prior wildland firefighting experience is required.

As is common with many of the staff on the north end of the forest, this position is zoned with the Buffalo Ranger District. The Fuels AFMO will work for the Zone FMO who is also stationed in Jackson, and will be responsible for the fuels program on both districts. The ability to work collaboratively with other program areas and to develop strong community relationships with State and local contacts and other agencies are qualities we are looking for.

The fuels program on the north zone is geared towards hazard fuel reduction projects in the wildland urban interface including landscape-scale projects. Prescribed burning, timber sales and service contracts are our primary mechanisms to accomplish the work. The program is also actively engaged in wildlife enhancement projects where that work is accomplished primarily through broadcast prescribed burning. Disease and bark beetle activity has been at epidemic levels for a number of years and is affecting stands of Douglas fir, lodgepole pine, Englemann spruce, subalpine fir, and whitebark pine. It's a challenging and rewarding position, and the selected individual will play a key role in our success in implementing the 5 year veg plan.

The position will also play a key role in the fire management organization, serving in roles such as Zone Duty Officer, acting FMO, Incident Commander, Strategic Operational Planner, Prescribed Burn Boss, and other positions as qualified. The Forest has a long track record of successfully managing wildland fires to meet land management objectives. The program expanded in 2005 to a forest wide program, meaning nearly all new fire starts on the forest, including those starting outside of wilderness areas, are eligible to manage for land management objectives.

The fire and fuels programs are highly integrated on an interagency basis with the Grand Teton National Park. Many resources are staffed with employees from both units. Examples on the north zone are the helitack program, a type 3 engine, a 12 person Fire Module, and monitoring and fire effects crews. The Fire Module is stationed on the Buffalo Ranger District compound, and is jointly supervised by the Park and Forest. The North Zone Fuels AFMO would serve as the Forest Service point of contact for the module, and would also mentor and be the official supervisor for the Forest Service personnel on the crew.

## **Duty Station – Jackson RD**

The Town of Jackson is the county seat of Teton County and the only incorporated municipality in the county. "Jackson Hole" as it's often called, refers to the whole area which is a 50 mile long valley surrounded by high mountains.

Jackson is a popular tourism destination because of its proximity to Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, its unmatched scenic beauty, the world-class skiing, and its western character. **For tourism information**, including listing of lodging, restaurants, and shopping, please contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce at 307-733-3316 or on the web at [www.jacksonholechamber.com](http://www.jacksonholechamber.com). For further information on Teton County go to the following link: <http://www.tetonwyo.org/>

This spectacular valley in the mountains offers residents and visitors alike an unparalleled array of outdoor activities for year-round enjoyment. From world-class skiing, snowmobiling, backcountry touring and dog sledding in the winter to hiking, rafting, fly fishing, mountain biking and rock climbing in the summer. There is fun and challenge for everyone.

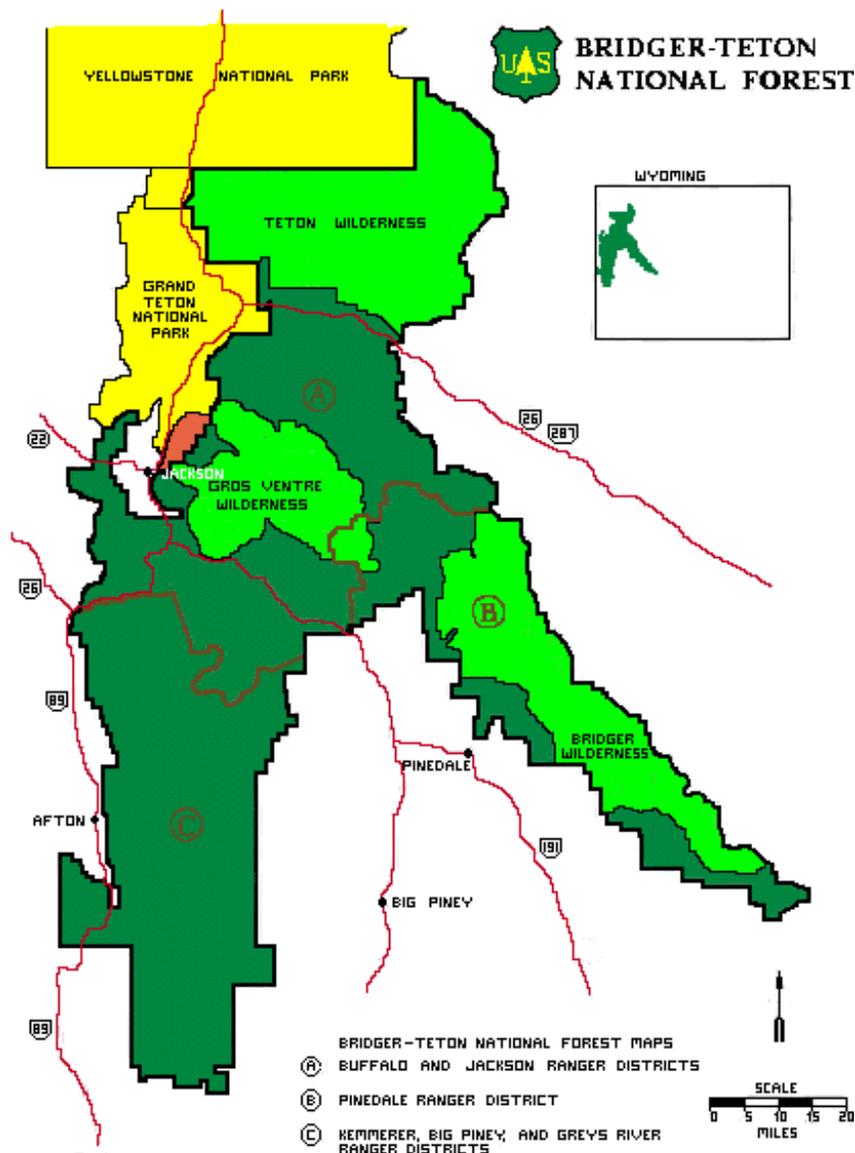
In addition to the incredible scenery and unlimited recreational opportunities, Jackson is also known for its genuine western charm, as the fifth nationally recognized arts center in the nation, and for quality events such as **Old West Days** and **Fall Arts Festival**.

Once primarily a community comprised of ranchers, Jackson's residents now pursue careers in a broad range of industries from ranching to hospitality and tourism, construction, professional services and technology.

The highly diverse community, seasonal residents and vacation homeowners, add to the special feel of this small western town.

Due to the abundance of public lands and the conservation efforts to protect open space, the Town of Jackson has a very limited amount of land for development. Many individuals commute from areas such as Victor and Driggs, Idaho, and Pinedale, Alpine and Dubois, Wyoming.

Although Jackson Hole has undergone change since homestead settlement in the 1880's, the reasons people come to the area remain the same. The old West feeling of small town hospitality, the people, scenery and recreational activities continue to attract people from all over the country and world.



## THE BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

The 3,400,000 million acres is the second largest National Forest in the United States outside Alaska. It lies in Western Wyoming, adjoining Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the largest remaining area of undeveloped land in the 48 conterminous United States. It is noted for its unusual scenery and natural features, large and diverse wildlife populations, and habitat for threaten and endangered species.

The Forest contains the headwaters of 4 major river basins: the Yellowstone (Missouri/Mississippi Basin); Snake (Columbia); Green (Colorado); and the Bear River (Great Basin). Seven major mountain ranges are found within the Forest Boundaries. These mountain ranges are part of the northern Rocky Mountains and include part of the striking Teton Range and Wind River Mountains.

The Forest borders Jackson Hole, famous in the history of early explorers and fur traders, and winter home of the well-known Jackson elk herd.

The Forest, with its Supervisor's Office in Jackson, is composed of the Jackson, Blackrock, Pinedale, Big Piney, Greys River and Kemmerer Ranger Districts.

## **Community Information**

The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) is part of the Greater Yellowstone Area. The BTNF is 3.4 million acres and stretches 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 sage-brush prairies of southwest-central Wyoming.

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is a loosely defined area characterized by high elevation coniferous forests, sage/grass steppes, high 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 150,000 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 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.

Jackson, Wyoming, home of the Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor's 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 6,200 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 95F on June 25, 1988. Snowfall ranges from 88 to 400 inches per year depending on location.

Annual rain precipitation averages 15.2 inches.

**Climate** *(Courtesy of Tom Dunham, Meteorologist)*

| <b>(F°)</b> | <b>Jan</b> | <b>Feb</b> | <b>Mar</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>Jun</b> | <b>Jul</b> | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Sep</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>Nov</b> | <b>Dec</b> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Hi</b>   | 28         | 38         | 38         | 48         | 59         | 68         | 79         | 78         | 69         | 54         | 39         | 26         |
| <b>Low</b>  | 2          | 7          | 13         | 22         | 31         | 37         | 41         | 37         | 32         | 22         | 14         | 6          |

Jackson is a world renowned resort town with a population of 5,898 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 does have, and has held for quite some time, the dubious honor of being noted for "having the highest cost of living and the lowest wages in the state of Wyoming". 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 on a 1/2-acre lot is priced around \$450,000+. A standard two/three bedroom rental cost \$1,600 plus per month. There is a 6% State and County tax on goods. Real estate is high, but there is no personal income tax. 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 Surgi-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.

Transportation into and out of Jackson is available via air service and auto. Three carriers provide year around air service. 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.

**Education**

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

## **Medical Services**

**St. John's Hospital & Living Center** provides a continuum of health care services to the residents of and visitors to Jackson Hole, Teton County and surrounding communities. Comprehensive care includes 24-hour emergency services, adult and pediatric inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment services, home care, hospice, in-home private nursing care, wellness programs, long-term care and off-campus clinics.

**Other Medical Services** include an outpatient center, general internists, obstetricians, gynecologists, family physicians, an ophthalmologist, a dermatologist, radiologists, orthopedists, physical therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed social workers, dentists, orthodontists, chiropractors, and periodic visiting specialists.

## **Safety**

**Jackson Police Department** - employs 30+ active officers.

**Teton County Sheriff Department** - employs 48 sworn deputies.

**Fire** - Insurance classification #3 in the Town of Jackson, #4 within five miles of Jackson and Wilson departments, and #9b-10 in the rest of Teton County. The Volunteer Fire Department has 29 fire fighting trucks and water support equipment.

## **Transportation**

### **Air Service to the Jackson Hole Airport**

American Airlines: Denver, Chicago, Dallas

Delta/Sky West Airlines (The Delta Connection): Salt Lake City

United Airlines: Denver International

**The START (Southern Teton Area Rapid Transit) bus system** is public transportation partially funded by the Town of Jackson, Teton County, State of Wyoming, and the Federal Transportation Administration. It is operated by the Town of Jackson.

## **Financial Institutions**

**Bank of Jackson Hole**

**Community First National Bank** (State Total)

**First Interstate Bank** (State Total)

**Jackson State Bank**

## **Federal Agencies/Local Government/Utilities**

### **Federal Agencies**

Bridger-Teton National Forest (Jackson): 307-739-5400

Grand Teton National Park: 307-739-3600

Yellowstone National Park: 307-344-7381

U.S. Fish & Wildlife: 307-733-9212

**The Town of Jackson** is governed by a four member Town Council and an elected Mayor who appoints a Town Manager.

**Teton County** is governed by a five person County Commission which selects a chairperson each year. The Commission selects and hires a County Administrator.

**Utilities and Services**

Electricity and Natural Gas - Lower Valley Energy: 307-733-2446

Cablevision - AT&T Broadband: 307-733-6030

Water and Sewer - Public Works of Jackson: 307-733-3079

Recycling and Trash Removal -

Jackson Community Recycling Center: 307-733-7678

Jackson Curbside Recycling: 307-733-8559

Westbank Sanitation: 307-733-2615

Telephone - Qwest Communications 1-800-244-1111 (Residential Service)

**Please contact** the individual below for more information or to express interest in applying for this position:

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North Zone Fire Management Officer

