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Crews to Begin Hazardous Fuel Reduction on Phillips Ridge

Road and Trails Closures will be in Place for Public Safety

Jackson, Wyo., July 2, 2025—Crews will begin mechanical thinning operations on Phillips Ridge, adjacent to the BPA powerline corridor north of Teton Pass (Hwy 22), on the Jackson Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, from July 15 through October, weather permitting. Mobilization of heavy equipment will require closing Phillips Ridge Road to motorized vehicles starting July 9 for public safety.

[Phillips Ridge Area, Road and Trail Closure Order 04-03-25-302](#) ([map](#)) will be in place 7-days a week during this time. The closure will include Phillips Bench and Snotel Site roads, as well as Phillips Ridge and Snotel trails. Ski Lake, Arrow and Phillips Pass trails will remain open throughout operations. All trail and road closures will be posted on the ground. Public cooperation during these closures will be needed to ensure public safety and safety of the crews working. Contractors will work from north to south on the 146-acre project area and hope to implement a phased reopening of these roads and trails as soon as practical and safe to do so.

Thinning operations are being done here as part of a multi-year effort to reduce hazardous fuels in the Teton to Snake River Fuels Management Area and will include a combination of decking logs for public firewood permit sales and machine cutting and piling for prescribed fire operations later in the fall. The public will be notified when these log decks become available.

Mechanical thinning improves forest health and reduces wildfire risk by using heavy equipment to remove trees and other vegetation and thus reduces tree density and fuel load. These treatments can benefit ecosystems and people by reducing the probability of catastrophic fires, restoring healthy and resilient ecosystems, and protecting communities.

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