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Bridger-Teton National Forest Begin Prescribed Fires on Jackson Ranger District

Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work

Western, Wyo., September 25, 2025— The Jackson Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations for late September and early October. The work may continue through fall as weather conditions allow. Prescribed fires reduce the spread of wildfire to local communities, infrastructure and natural resources by removing overgrown vegetation. Additionally, fire treatments enhance animal habitats by regenerating aspen stands, reinvigorating native plants and wildflowers, and maintaining grassland meadows in big-game winter range, year-round habitat, and migration routes.

Planned prescribed fires include:

Upper Gros Ventre in the area of Slate Creek, 25 miles northeast of Jackson, Wyo. (557 acres)

No area closures are expected with these operations, but fire personnel may pause traffic intermittently for public safety. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns. Go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/> for more detailed information about air quality. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

Weather conditions will be evaluated hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the forest website, social media channels, and InciWeb, the interagency incident information system. County emergency management officials will be notified when burning begins.

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