

OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE Bridger-Teton National Forest West Zone: Greys River and Kemmerer Ranger Districts

GW-0456-07- West Zone, Fire Engine Operator (FEO)-Type 6 Engine
GW-0456-05-West Zone Senior Firefighter (SRFF)-Type 6 Engine

**This position will be filled during the Non-Centralized Phase 3 R4 Hiring Event.
Vacancy Announcement will be open from March 10th-19th, 2026 on USA Jobs under**

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Vacancy Announcement# 26-FIRE-P3VA-ENGFF-45DH

ABOUT THE POSITION

Engine Modules are part of the Teton Interagency Fire Management organization. The Bridger-Teton Fire organization is made up of three zones. There are three Type 3 and two Type 6 engines that provide 7-day coverage for fire response. The engine modules consist of 5 permanent staff and 2 seasonal crew members. Seasonal employees may be provided with government housing.

A normal fire season for the area is late June through mid-October. Fires on the Bridger-Teton National Forest have been reported as early as May and as late as December. These engine crews are highly motivated, with individuals who desire to work long, hard hours to complete any assignment. Expectations for the entire crew are high. Fire assignments include local Initial Attack to off-Forest, Extended Attack large fires. Assignments can be with the Engine or with the Teton Interagency Type 2IA hand crew. If not assigned to a fire, engine fire crews can be found out in the Forest prepping prescribed burn units, carrying out fuel reduction treatments or completing various other projects for the districts.

MAJOR DUTIES

Wildland Fire Engine, FEO and SRFF of a Type IV Engine. Drives and operates a wildland fire engine, positioning the engine for proper use and operation. Personally, performs and directs others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Has specialized duties such as water handling specialist, fully qualified chain saw operator, or responsible for maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Ensures the engine is kept in a full state of readiness for emergency fire dispatch. May serve as initial attack Incident Commander

Prescribed Fire. Serves as a lead wildland firefighter on a prescribed fire crew. Performs prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up. Monitors fire behavior, fire effects, and fire weather on prescribed fires and wildland fire use. Performs the duties of a fully qualified chainsaw operator, chainsaw maintenance, and minor repair. May use specialized firing equipment (e.g. fusees, drip torches, flares, and terra torch).

Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents. When positioning and deploying personnel and equipment, recommends best approaches and practices to use in protection of the values at risk.

Makes initial evaluation of fire situations, determines rate of spread, potential hazards to property and other improvements, suppression method to use, hose lays, deployment of crew, point of initial attack, type of tools to use and application of water.

Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire

situations. Accomplishes emergency repairs as necessary to permit continued use of equipment. In those instances when the apparatus cannot be used effectively in suppressing the fire, the incumbent takes appropriate control action in attacking the fire.

Participates in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fire suppression activities, with emphasis on those used for the particular function assigned. Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and fire critiques. Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignment.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if you are applying for this position. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements.

In accordance with USDA Department Regulation 4430-792-2, this position is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the USDA Drug Free Workplace Program and subject to pre-employment drug testing. All applicants selected for this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. Incumbents of this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis on an ongoing random basis, after appointment as directed.

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ABOUT THE FOREST

The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) is part of the largest intact ecosystem in the lower forty-eight 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 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 2.2 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. There are 315 miles of designated Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Forest. The Forest offers some of the nation's best opportunities for winter sports including Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Snow King, and White Pine ski areas. 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 three thousand 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 cold water 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.

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.

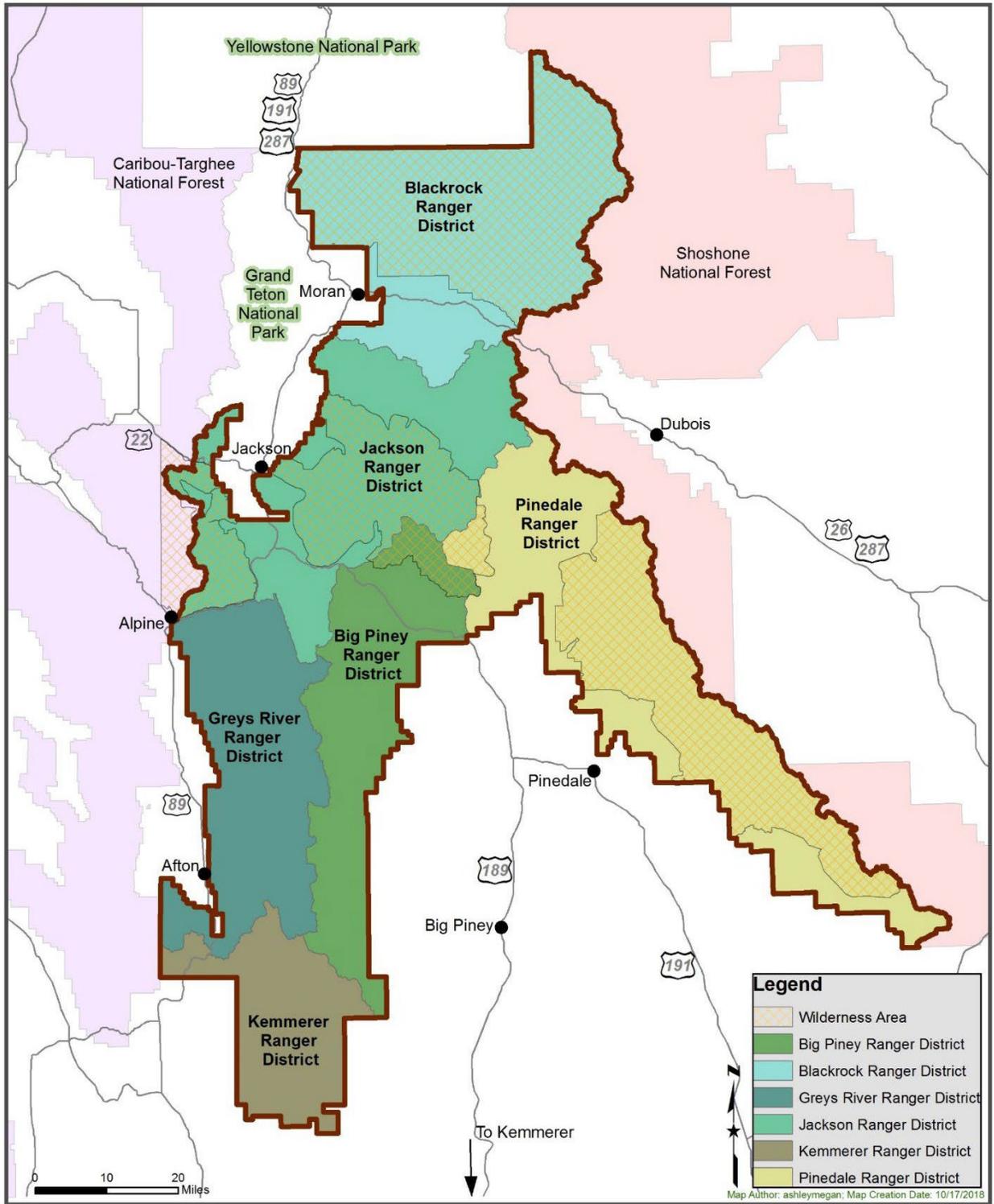
The BTNF also contains some of the richest grazing lands in Wyoming, where more than 40,000 cattle, 2000 horses and, and 80,000 sheep graze annually

Kemmerer:

The town of Kemmerer is a small community located high in the rolling hills of Western Wyoming in the Green River Basin along the Hams Fork River. The elevation is 6,927 feet with a population of approximately 3,126. The Kemmerer area offers an abundance of fishing, hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, and snowmobiling. Golfers also enjoy a challenging nine-hole golf course set near the Hams Fork River. Several benefit tournaments are conducted throughout the summer. Kemmerer offers four private quarries where you can dig your own fossils, and is the home of Fossil Butte National Monument, an 8,198 acre natural area that was established in 1972 and many historic cut-off trails of the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. Housing may be available.

Afton:

The Greys River Ranger Station is located in Afton, which is the largest town in Star Valley. Afton has a population of about 2,000. Star Valley is 60 miles long by 5 miles wide, located between the Idaho-Wyoming border to the west and the Salt River Range on the east; town elevation is 6,134 feet. The town boasts the largest Elkhorn Arch in the world spanning 75 feet and containing over 3000 antlers donated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Nearby Periodic Spring, which is an extremely rare cyclic stream or cold-water 'geyser', is a national forest visitor attraction, and forest access begins just east of town. Groceries and entertainment options are within walking or biking distance. Housing may be available, and a district bike makes getting around handy.



The map shows the BT Ranger Districts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR POSITIONS ON THE BRIDGER-TETON