

OUTREACH NOTICE



**USDA FOREST SERVICE
Bridger-Teton National Forest
East Zone: Pinedale and Big Piney Ranger Districts**

GW-0456-08/09 East Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer (AFMO) - Operations

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 Vacancy Announcement #: 26-FIRE-P3VA-DZAFMOH-89DH

ABOUT THE POSITION

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is outreaching a GW-0456-08/09 East Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer (AFMO) - Operations position. This position is located at either the Pinedale Ranger District in Pinedale, WY or the Big Piney Ranger District in Big Piney, WY. The primary purpose of this position is to provide operational oversight and planning of wildland fire suppression and management activities on the Pinedale and Big Piney Ranger Districts (East Zone) of the Bridger-Teton as part of the Teton Interagency Fire Management organization.

Bridger-Teton National Forest fire management is a fully integrated, Interagency program with wildland fire operations/management, fuels management and prevention. This position works directly for the ZFMO and ultimately the fire management program. The individual will be responsible for retaining and building positive partnerships and relationships with zone personnel in all resources and continuing to maintain and foster external partnerships as well. For more information on Teton Interagency Fire, visit www.tetonfires.com

MAJOR DUTIES

The incumbent is responsible for the supervision of a Type 3 engine, Type 6 engine and a Prevention Technician. Also with the preparedness, prevention, prescribed burning, monitoring, hazardous fuel reduction, and facilities within assigned zone/area. The incumbent also assists in writing and executing wildland fire management plans, prescribed burn plans, and preparedness plans.

This position serves as Duty Officer/POC for Unit during periods of fire activity.

This position is categorized as a High Complexity District/Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer (DZAFMO) position that is subject to the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide, as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards (MQS) for this position must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the Forest Service FS-FPM Standard Position Description. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ifpm-fs-fpm-crosswalk-may25.pdf>

Minimum Qualifications: DIVS –and- ICT3 or RXB2 (Currency required).

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE: This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous wildland firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position. This position has been approved for secondary firefighter coverage under CSRS and FERS by USDA on June 28, 2005; E1 (AFM030).

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.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates 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.

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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.

The 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.

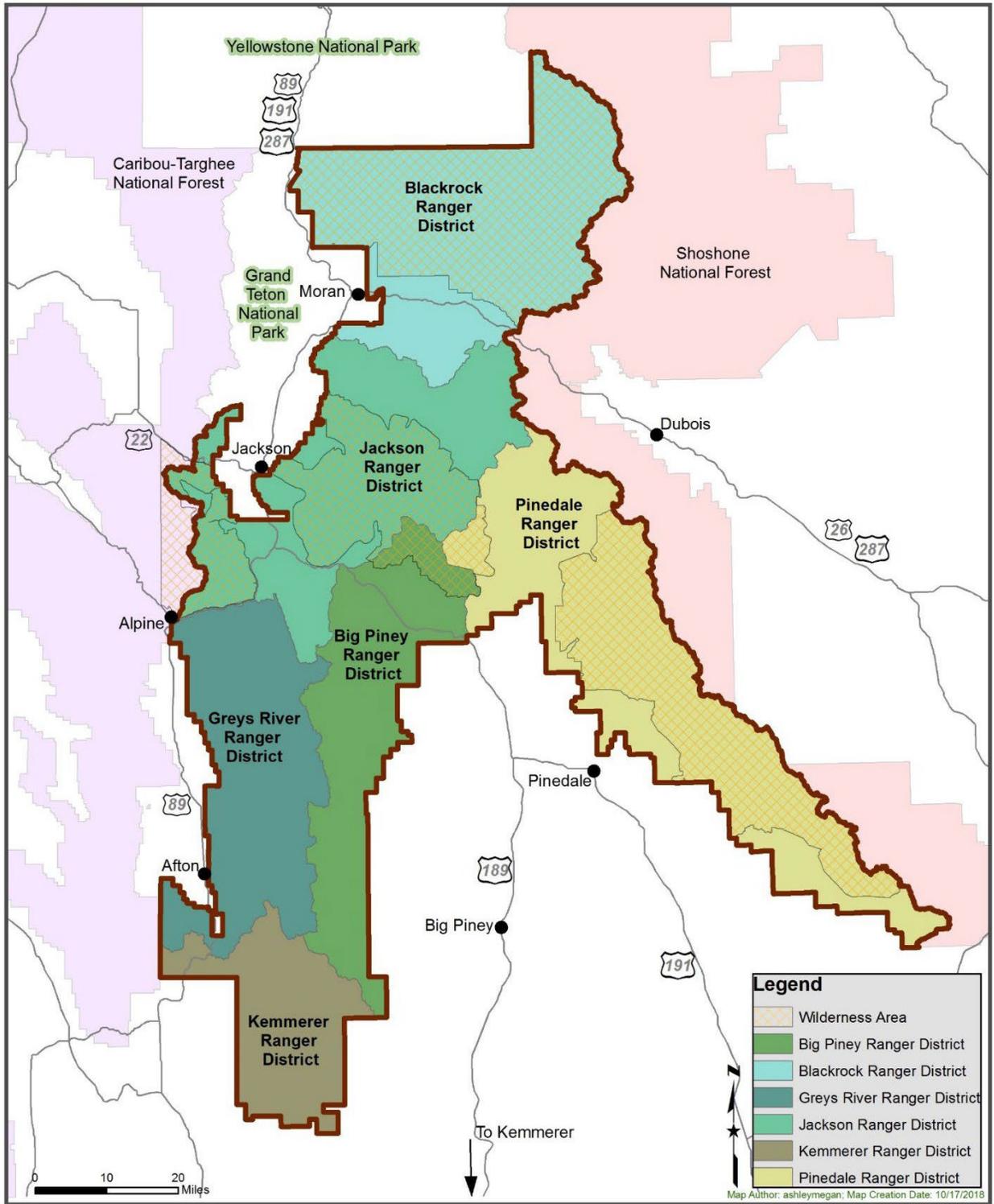
Pinedale:

The Town of Pinedale sits at an elevation of 7,200 feet at the base of the Wind River Range, providing amazing views of the Continental Divide. The Pinedale Ranger District, located in Pinedale WY, is eighty miles southeast of Jackson, WY and one hundred miles North of Rock Springs WY. At 830,000 acres in size, the Pinedale Ranger District offers a wide range of recreation settings and opportunities for both locals and visitors, including the entire 428,169-acre Bridger Wilderness.

With over 2,300 lakes, forty-eight peaks above 12,500 feet (including Gannet Peak, the highest peak in Wyoming), and five hundred miles of trails, the Bridger Wilderness offers internationally recognized backpacking, fishing, climbing, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. Outside of the Wilderness you can find glacial-carved lakes providing excellent opportunities for developed and dispersed camping, fishing, boating, hunting, horseback riding, and motorized recreation.

Big Piney

The Big Piney Ranger District, located in the Town of Big Piney sits at an elevation of 6,824 feet and hosts a wide variety of cultural and natural history, recreational opportunities, timber, range, mineral reserves, and wildlife. The Big Piney Ranger District is 36 miles south of Pinedale, WY and 120 miles northeast of Evanston, WY. The weather is correspondingly cool in the summer and cold in the winter. The Green River flows a few miles to the east. It flows out of the Wind River Mountains, off to the north, heading southward towards Utah. Big Piney Ranger District contains 449,000 acres of snow-capped mountain peaks, lush vegetation and clear mountain lakes and streams. This district maintains 300 miles of system trails in the Wyoming Range, 25 permitted summer and fall outfitters, one developed campground, and plenty of dispersed camping areas. The Wyoming Range isn't as well-known as other mountains within the state, making this area one of western Wyoming's best-kept secrets. Hike a portion of the 70-mile Wyoming Range National Recreation Trail or fish brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout along the Green River. Big Piney is the perfect gateway to this range with beautiful alpine scenery.



The map shows the Pinedale and Big Piney Ranger Districts.

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