

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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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

Jackson, Wyo., March 20,2025— The Bridger-Teton National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations for 300-acres in mid-April near Munger Mountain just south of Jackson, Wyoming. We estimate this work to continue through the spring as weather conditions allow. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

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/ to find more detailed information about air quality. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the <u>forest</u> <u>website</u>, social media channels, and <u>InciWeb</u>, the interagency incident information system. We will notify county emergency management officials when burning begins.

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