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## **Bridger-Teton Announces Forest Plan Scenario-Building Workshops**

**Jackson, Wyo.** – The Bridger-Teton National Forest encourages the public to attend a new round of Plan Revision workshops, in Afton on March 26, in Jackson on March 27, and in Pinedale and one or two other southern-BTNF communities in late April (exact dates and locations TBD). The workshops' purpose is to explore how on-the-ground management could be modified in order to improve conditions and trends on the Forest.

The Afton and Jackson meetings will focus on the northern portion of the Forest (Buffalo, Jackson and Greys River Ranger Districts), while the late-April meetings will focus on the southern portion (Kemmerer, Big Piney and Pinedale Ranger Districts).

The locations for the March workshops are as follows:

**3/26:** Afton; Star Valley Middle School – 505 Kennington-Burton Lane, 6pm – 9:30pm

**3/27:** Jackson; Jackson High School – 1910 W High School Rd., 6pm – 9:30pm

The objective of all four workshops will be to develop and refine mapped scenarios that depict: 1.) locations where changes in conditions and trends are needed; 2.) some potential adjustments to management strategy that could be considered in order to address those changes; and 3.) the rationales and trade-offs related to those possibilities.

Previous public collaboration focused on setting overall goals for management of the Forest (July and Dec. 2005) and comparing current conditions with those goals to identify the need for change (Nov. 2006 and March 2007). The current round builds on that work to explore various ways to address that need for change in specific locations, highlighting the potential rationales and trade-offs such choices could involve. Later on in the process, as part of developing the proposed Revision, we anticipate working with the public to find the right balance in determining which of these choices to make, and in which places, over the Forest as a whole.

In addition to the workshops, an interactive mapping tool will soon be available on the Internet to enable stakeholders to engage with this exploration and provide input remotely.

The overall purpose of this ‘scenario-building’ phase is to identify where and how the need for change could realistically be addressed given current management approaches, conditions on the ground, and the likely trade-offs that come into play for actual values in specific places. Its goal is not to generate decisions or develop alternatives but rather to understand the range of choices that may be available.

For more information on the Bridger-Teton’s plan revision process, please visit the Plan Revision website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf/news/forest\\_plan\\_revision/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf/news/forest_plan_revision/) or call Rick Fox, Forest Planner, at (307) 739-5563.

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