

# SOUTH PASS

Welcome to the Washakie Ranger District of the Shoshone National Forest and a diversity of outdoor opportunities. Pack up your family and friends and head for a great Wyoming adventure!

## Southern Gateway Westward

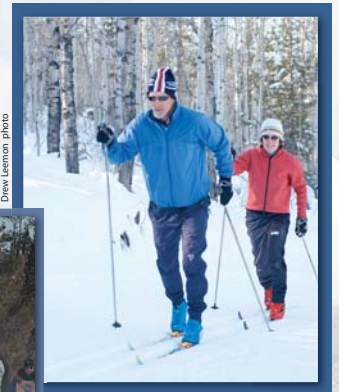
Wyoming Highway 28 before you follows a natural pass through the southern Rockies, unknown to Lewis and Clark during their travels, but navigated by Native Americans for centuries.

This pass played an important role in western expansion. First noted by William Hunt's expedition (1811) to Astoria, Oregon, it was rediscovered 12 years later by the Smith-Ashley fur trapping convoy. Used sparsely before the discovery of gold in California (1848) by 1868 over half a million had crossed South Pass on the Oregon Trail heading westward in search of gold or lands to homestead.



South Pass Ranger Station, 1921. Is this still there..if not, where was it located?

## Winter Fun



Drew Lemmon photo



## Dog Sledding

Enjoy the snowy winter wilderness on a dog sled adventure tour with a local tour company.

Winter brings the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race. With its unique "stage stop" racing format, teams stop in a different community each night, allowing host towns to show their hospitality (check local information as dates may vary).

## Nordic Skiing

Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Area (xx miles northeast on Highway 28) offers xx miles of groomed trails you can tour, or try your teli turns in the backcountry.



## Snowmobiling

Enjoy miles of groomed trails as well as billowing through virgin powder on the South Pass trail system. Views 150 miles across the Red Desert plains and the Oregon Buttes can be breathtaking.

Lander, Wyoming is the southern-most trailhead of the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail which runs 608 miles to the north into West Yellowstone, Montana. The CDST follows the Loop Road for much of its course in this area and some side trails can take you to a lake for ice fishing.

## Summer Fun

### Camping

Loop Road has developed camping areas and dispersed camping. Always leave a campsite cleaner than you found it. Know the principles of Leave No Trace.



### Off-Road Vehicle Riding Responsibly

Many miles of motorized trail riding are available in this area. See center map for possibilities and be aware of seasonal closures.

Ride responsibly and protect your right to do so. Know the Tread Lightly guidelines.



### Fishing

These high mountain lakes, historically barren, were stocked. Species include Yellowstone and Snake River cutthroat, rainbow, brown, brook, golden and lake trout, splake, arctic grayling, and mountain whitefish.

These fish are small but mighty, giving the avid angler an experience to remember. So, go fish!

