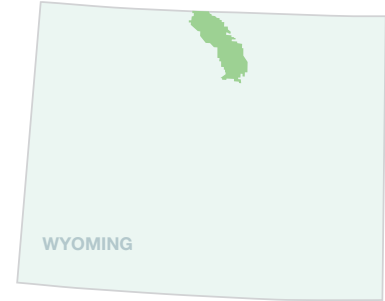


Bighorn National Forest



Hillside on the Bighorn National Forest



Current Issues

Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark

Application will be made for expanding the Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark boundary. Consulting parties reached consensus on a boundary in December 2008. The process will include an invitation for the Wyoming delegation to comment.

Tongue Allotment Environmental Impact Statement Implementation

In February 2008, permittees appealed the Tongue Ranger District Allotment Management Plan stocking rate decisions. The district ranger and permittees reached an agreement following mediation in spring 2009 in which Tongue District Ranger Clarke McClung agreed to cooperatively monitor and collect data for an additional grazing season. Upon this agreement, the 2008 appeal was dropped. In January 2009, McClung issued new decision implementation letters that prescribed revised grazing capacities for each allotment. The animal unit months (AUMs) each grazing permittee is allowed have been reduced; however, the reduction will be phased in over time. The new permitted AUMs will be 11 percent more than the four-year average of AUMs actually grazed during the 2005-2008 monitoring period.

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Tongue Ranger District

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Forest Size	Total land area is 1,115,161 acres, all within Wyoming.
Number of Employees - Permanent	102
Number of Employees - Seasonal	84
Average Annual Budget	\$8,242,000
Elevations	Lowest - 5,500 feet above sea level Highest - 13,175 feet above sea level
Wilderness Areas	Cloud Peak
Wild and Scenic Rivers	None
National Scenic or Historic Trails	None
National Recreation Areas	None
Scenic Byways	Bighorn Scenic Byway Cloud Peak Skyway Medicine Wheel Passage
Outfitter Guides	49 outfitter guides
Grazing	78 active allotments on 822,337 acres 98 term grazing permits
Forest Management and Timber	Timber Volume Sold in fiscal year 2008 – 20,707 ccf Forest Vegetation Improved in fiscal year 2008 – 591 acres
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatments	3,756 acres in fiscal year 2008
Unique Features or Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bighorn National Forest is 80 miles long and 30 miles wide. • Black Tooth Mountain stands at 13,005 feet. • The Bighorn River, flowing along the west side of the forest, was first named by American Indians due to the great herds of bighorn sheep at its mouth. Lewis and Clark transferred the name to the mountain range in the early 1800s. • The forest and river are referred to as Bighorn (single word) while the mountain range itself is referred to as the Big Horns.
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