



# **Survey of Public Values and Preferences relating to the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wyoming**

## **Instructions**

**The purpose of this survey is to:**

- **Explore your familiarity with the Bridger-Teton National Forest (NF) (Part 1).**
- **Understand what uses you think are appropriate or inappropriate on the Bridger-Teton NF (Part 2).**
- **Understand your beliefs about some important topics regarding the Bridger-Teton NF in the next 10-15 years (Part 3).**
- **Discover in what non-monetary ways you value the Bridger-Teton NF, and where those values are represented in the Forest (Part 4). (A study exploring explicit economic values is being conducted by the University of Wyoming.)**
- **Learn about you and your community (Part 5).**

**It is important that the person to whom the survey was addressed completes the questionnaire. Please answer all the questions in the survey. We have enclosed a map which shows you the area of concern, and is particularly important to Question 18. The average time to complete the survey and identify your important locations on the map is 25 minutes. When you are finished, place the survey and the map in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope and mail it back to us.**

**Thank you for your thoughtful responses to our survey. All of your responses will be kept confidential. If there are issues not covered in this survey that are important to you, please give us your thoughts at the end of the survey. Your participation is very much appreciated.**

**PART 1: Your familiarity with the Bridger-Teton National Forest (Bridger-Teton NF).**

**Q-1** About how many times during the last 12 months have you visited the Bridger-Teton NF? If you are unsure about the boundary of this Forest, see the enclosed Bridger-Teton NF Survey Map. (Please circle one response).

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. None         | 4. 6 to 10 times      |
| 2. 1 or 2 times | 5. More than 10 times |
| 3. 3 to 5 times |                       |

**Q-2** Does anyone in your household earn income directly from the sales of Bridger-Teton NF products or from commercial services that depend on access to this Forest? (Please circle one response)

1. Yes. Please describe the source of the income: \_\_\_\_\_
2. No
3. Unsure

**Q-3** Please check the recreational activities in which you participate on the Bridger-Teton NF.

<input type="checkbox"/> Driving for Pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry ski touring/XC
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Viewing	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Riding/Packing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Tent Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> RV Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Wheeling/Jeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> ATVing	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Kayaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Enjoyment	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Lift-served alpine skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry alpine touring	Other:

**Q-4** What percent of your household's food is obtained from fishing, hunting, or gathering activities on Bridger-Teton NF lands? (Please circle one response)

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|-----------|-------------|
| 1. None   | 4. 26-50%   |
| 2. 1-10%  | 5. Over 50% |
| 3. 11-25% |             |

**PART 2: What do you think about possible uses and land designations on the Bridger-Teton NF?**

**Q-5** Multiple uses are possible on the Forest. The following is a list of possible uses or land designations on the Forest. Please tell us whether you favor or oppose these activities on this Forest. (Please circle one response for each item).

#	Multiple Uses	Strongly Favor	Favor	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
1	Sightseeing (incl. driving for pleasure)	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Fishing	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Non-motorized recreation (e.g. hiking, cross-country skiing)	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Hunting	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Wildlife viewing/observing	1	2	3	4	5	6
6	ATV recreation	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Jeeping/four wheel drive recreation	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Over the snow motorized recreation (e.g. snowmobiling)	1	2	3	4	5	6
9	Water Storage	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Horse packing	1	2	3	4	5	6
11	Commercial mining	1	2	3	4	5	6
12	Gathering forest products (e.g. Christmas trees, fire wood)	1	2	3	4	5	6
13	Oil/gas activity	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Outdoor/environmental education	1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Commercial outfitting/guiding	1	2	3	4	5	6
16	Communication sites/utility easements	1	2	3	4	5	6
17	Wilderness	1	2	3	4	5	6
18	Fish and wildlife habitat	1	2	3	4	5	6
19	Livestock Grazing	1	2	3	4	5	6
20	Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6



**Q-9** Oil and gas leasing is currently taking place in some parts of the Bridger-Teton NF. Please tell us your preference on this subject related to the Bridger-Teton NF (please circle one):

1. To expand the amount of oil and gas leases.
2. To decrease the amount of oil and gas leases.
3. To maintain the amount of oil and gas leasing at present levels.
4. To not having any oil and gas leases.
5. Don't know.

**Q-10** On the subject of oil and gas leasing on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements (Please circle one number):

<b>On the Bridger-Teton National Forest:</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>I support oil and gas leases</b> because they provide positive economic benefits where I live.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose oil and gas</b> because they have negative impacts on wildlife, air and water quality.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support oil and gas leases</b> because they support our country's energy needs.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose oil and gas</b> because they have negative impacts on recreational activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support oil and gas leases</b> because oil and gas leases increases job opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose oil and gas</b> because there are already enough active leases elsewhere.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support oil and gas leases</b> for other reasons, please specify: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose oil and gas</b> for other reasons, please specify: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Q11** You have indicated your level of favor or opposition to grazing use on the Bridger-Teton NF in row # 19, Question 5. Please help us understand your specific preferences regarding grazing on the Bridger-Teton NF by circling the appropriate number:

<b>On the Bridger-Teton National Forest:</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>I oppose grazing permits</b> because grazing causes too much damage to watersheds.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support grazing permits</b> because They assist ranchers to maintain their livelihoods, in turn helping to retain the cultural character of this region.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose grazing permits</b> because Grazing conflicts with some recreational uses.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support grazing permits</b> because They assist ranchers to maintain their livelihoods, in turn helping to retain the open spaces in the region.	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I oppose grazing permits</b> for other reasons, please specify: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>I support grazing permits</b> for other reasons, please specify: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Q-12** On average, 1000-3000 acres of vegetation management (logging) occurs on the Bridger-Teton NF each year for fire mitigation, forest health, forest products and other purposes. How active would you like to see the Bridger-Teton NF be in relation to vegetation management over the next 10-15 years? (Please circle one response).

1. More active.
2. The same level of activity.
3. Less active.
4. No harvesting of timber on the Bridger-Teton NF.
5. Don't know.

**Q13** Vegetation treatments currently occur for the following management purposes on the Bridger-Teton NF. Please indicate your level of favor or opposition to vegetation management on the Bridger-Teton NF for *each* of the following reasons:

<b>Reasons for Vegetation Management:</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Forest products.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fire prevention to protect life and property.	1	2	3	4	5	6
To salvage dead or dying trees.	1	2	3	4	5	6
To create or improve wildlife habitat.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Do not support timber harvesting for any reason.	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Q-14** Different types of forests require different types of vegetation management to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to surrounding communities/subdivisions. The following is a list of treatments currently used on the Bridger-Teton NF. Where communities are concerned, a trade-off decision sometimes must be made between conducting vegetation treatments and no vegetation management, for example when balancing risk to private property due to a possible wildfire with the enjoyment of a forest view. Considering the above, would you favor or oppose the following actions **to reduce the risk of wildfires close to communities** (please circle a number for *each* treatment type):

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Clear cutting (more than 5 acres)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Patch cutting (1-5 acres)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Forest thinning	1	2	3	4	5	6
Prescribed fires	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reduce development in/near forests	1	2	3	4	5	6
No action	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Q-15** For purposes **other than** reduction of the risk of wildfires close to communities, please indicate the extent to which you favor or oppose the following types of vegetation treatments. (Please circle a number for *each* treatment type).

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Strongly Favor</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Clear cutting (more than 5 acres)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Patch cutting (1-5 acres)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Forest thinning	1	2	3	4	5	6
Prescribed fires	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reduce development in/near forests	1	2	3	4	5	6
No action	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Q-16** In relation to wildlife issues, we would like to know your level of concern regarding the need to protect the following species and habitats (please circle one number for *each* species and habitat):

	<b>High Concern</b>	<b>Somewhat Concerned</b>	<b>Slightly Concerned</b>	<b>Not Concerned</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Species:</b>					
Bald Eagle	1	2	3	4	5
Bighorn Sheep	1	2	3	4	5
Cutthroat trout	1	2	3	4	5
Elk	1	2	3	4	5
Goshawk	1	2	3	4	5
Grizzly Bear	1	2	3	4	5
Moose	1	2	3	4	5
Mule Deer	1	2	3	4	5
Pronghorn Antelope	1	2	3	4	5
Sage Grouse	1	2	3	4	5
Wolverine	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Habitats:</b>					
Wetland (Habitat for e.g. boreal toad, trumpeter swan)	1	2	3	4	5
Snag (Habitat for cavity nesters e.g. 3-toed woodpeckers with down woody debris for e.g. pine marten).	1	2	3	4	5

**Part 4: In what ways do people value the Bridger-Teton NF?**

**Q-17** The Bridger-Teton NF holds different values for each person. **We would like to know how important each of the following values of the Bridger-Teton NF is to you and where these values are represented on the map.**

*Imagine that you could “spend” \$100 to ensure that the Bridger-Teton NF is able to maintain its values. You may allocate or spend the \$100 in any way you like, but your total spending may not exceed \$100. You might spend all \$100 on one value (and \$0 on all others), or you might spend \$50 on one value, \$25 on another value, and \$25 on yet another value. Remember, the total dollars you spend should equal \$100. (Reference to money is not made to actual money, your own or the Forest Service’s budget).*

- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Aesthetic value (A)** — I value this Forest because I enjoy the scenery, sights, sounds, smells, etc.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Biological diversity value (B)** — I value this Forest because it provides a variety of fish, wildlife, plant life, etc.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Cultural value (C)** — I value this Forest because it is a place for me to continue and pass down the wisdom and knowledge, traditions, and way of life of my ancestors.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Economic value (E)** — I value this Forest because it provides timber, fisheries, minerals, and/or tourism opportunities such as outfitting and guiding.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Future value (F)** — I value this Forest because it allows future generations to know and experience the Forests as they are now.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Historic value (H)** — I value this Forest because it has places and things of natural and human history that matter to me, others, or the nation.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Intrinsic value (I)** — I value this Forest in and of itself, whether people are present or not.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Learning value (L)** — I value this Forest because we can learn about the environment through scientific observation or experimentation.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Life Sustaining value (LS)** — I value this Forest because it helps produce, preserve, clean, and renew air, soil, and water.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Recreation value (R)** — I value this Forest because it provides a place for my favorite outdoor recreation activities.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Spiritual value (S)** — I value this Forest because it is a sacred, religious, or spiritually special place to me or because I feel reverence and respect for nature there.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Subsistence value (Sb)** - I value this Forest because it provides necessary food and supplies to sustain my life.
- \$ \_\_\_\_ **Therapeutic value (T)** — I value this Forest because it makes me feel better, physically and/or mentally.

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**\$100 Total Value Allocation**

**Q-18** In the previous question you told us **what values** are important to you related to this Forest. For this question, please identify the places **that represent those values on the enclosed map**. To identify the places that are important to you, follow these steps and see the example below:

1. Look at the value(s) you indicated in Question 17: what places do you think of in the Bridger-Teton NF? You may mark up to four places (it can be less than four) for each value you indicated in Question 17. **Please draw dots with a dark-colored pen directly on the map** to indicate the places that represent your important values.
2. Mark what Value that Place represents to you by **using the value abbreviations listed on the map and in Q-17**.
3. **Then give the Place you marked a number of 1 through 4**. This is now the Value Mark.
4. **Write the Value Mark and the place name in the list below** (see example below). If you don't know the specific name of the place, write down an approximate location, e.g. "creek just south of Pretty Peak."

**Example:** You indicated Aesthetic Value (A) in Q-17 as one of your important values related to the Bridger-Teton NF. When you think of Aesthetic Value, you think of two places: Pretty Peak and Golden Pond (imaginary places). You make two dots on the map: one where you think Pretty Peak is located, and you mark it as "A1" for Aesthetic Value, Place number 1. You make another dot where you think Golden Pond is located, and you Value Mark it with "A2", for Aesthetic Value, Place number 2.

**Tips:**

- You need to mark dots only for the values for which you allocated money in Question 17.
- It is not necessary for you to have visited or used the Forest location(s) where you place your dots. Some Values may be related to forest use while others are not.

<b>List of Value Locations Marked on the Survey Map</b>					
#	Value Mark	Place Name	#	Value Mark	Place Name
1.	<b>Example</b> A1	<b>Example</b> Pretty Peak	11.		
2.	A2	Golden Pond			
1.			12.		
2.			13.		
3.			14.		
4.			15.		
5.			16.		
6.			17.		
7.			18.		
8.			19.		
9.			20.		
10.			21.		

**PART 5: In this section, we would like to learn about you and your community.**

**Q-19** In what community do you live or what community is closest to your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q-20** What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q-21** How long have you lived in or near this community? \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**Q-22** How long have you lived in Wyoming? \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**Q-23** Is the residence where you received this survey your primary residence? Yes No

**Q-24** What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**Q-25** Are you? (Please circle one response): 1 Male 2 Female

**Q-26** What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Please check one response).

\_\_\_ Less than high school diploma \_\_\_ High school diploma or GED \_\_\_ Technical/Vocational/Associates  
\_\_\_ 4-year college degree \_\_\_ Some graduate work \_\_\_ One or more graduate degrees

**Q-27** What is your approximate annual household income before taxes? (Please circle one response).

\_\_\_ Less than \$ 10,000 \_\_\_ \$ 10,000 – 24,999 \_\_\_ \$ 25,000 – 49,999 \_\_\_ \$ 50,000 – 74,999  
\_\_\_ \$ 75,000 – 99,999 \_\_\_ \$ 100,000 – 124,999 \_\_\_ \$ 125,000 – 149,999 \_\_\_ \$ 150,000 or more

**Q-28** Are you retired? 1. Yes 2. No

If not, what is your occupation? OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

**Q-29** In what ethnic group (A) and race (B) would you put yourself?

A. Ethnicity (select one) \_\_\_ Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_ NOT Hispanic or Latino

B. Race (select one or more):

1 Asian American 2 Black/African American  
3 Native American 4 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
5 Caucasian 6 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Q-30** You have helped us understand why the Bridger-Teton NF is important to you using our list in Question 17. Now we would appreciate it if you took a moment to help us understand why the Bridger-Teton NF is important to you in your own words.

**Q-31** Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Bridger-Teton NF and what you would like to see happen in the next 10-15 years? Is there any other topic of interest or concern that you would like the Forest Service to know about? We would appreciate any comments.

**Please mail the survey and the map in the self-addressed, pre-paid envelope back to us. Your time and effort will help decide how the Bridger-Teton National Forest will be managed for the next 10 – 15 years. Thank you very much!**