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Bridger-Teton National Forest Invites Public to Design Off Road Vehicle Route Alternatives

Jackson, Wyo. – The Bridger-Teton National Forest will host three public workshops this month for the public to design alternatives to the current proposal for a designated motorized road and trail system on the northern portion of the Forest. The proposed system is available for the public to review on the North Zone Travel Plan Revision link at www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf

The Forest Service gathered input between May and October last year to help develop a proposed designated road and motorized trail system for areas of the forest where motorized travel is currently unrestricted. This proposal was then released for public comment on December 29th, 2006. Approximately 1800 public comments have been received identifying issues and concerns with the current proposal. The workshops this month are intended to give people an opportunity to help design what alternative designated systems might look like in response to the issues raised regarding the current proposal. A summary of public comments on the current proposal will be available at the workshop along with maps displaying key resource information.

The travel management rule, which was finalized in November 2005, requires the Bridger- Teton National Forest to designate those roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use on the Forest.

Changes to existing travel management are needed to provide recreationists with a system of roads and trails that will comply with the travel management rule, and allow the Forest to maintain and patrol sustainable routes throughout the Forest that minimize the impacts to other resources and wildlife.

The Workshops are scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 20th at 6pm in the Pavilion Room of the Togwotee Mountain Lodge on Highway 26-287 just west of Togwotee Pass

Wednesday, March 21st at 6 pm in the cafeteria room of the Wilson Elementary School off of Highway 22 in Wilson, Wyoming

Thursday, March 22nd at 6 pm in the cafeteria room of the Jackson Hole High School in Jackson, Wyoming

The workshops will run until 9:00pm each evening. For additional information contact David Wilkinson at (307) 739-5544 or by e-mail at dwilkinson@fs.fed.us

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