

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A
Selected Forest Plan Goals

FOREST PLAN GOALS

Goal 1.1 – Communities continue to gain greater prosperity.

- 1.1(a) – Provide an average annual volume of 12 million board feet of green sawlogs to mills in operation in such towns as Alpine, Etna, Jackson, Dubois, Pinedale, Afton, Evanston, Rexburg, Montpelier, St. Anthony, and Lander.
- 1.1(b) – Provide at least 5 million board feet of timber annually to allow continued use of forest products and employment in commercial firewood, house logs, and similar industries.
- 1.1(c)-- Provide timber volumes at costs that reflect current market values and as small- and large-product sales to meet local demand.
- 1.1(d) – Provide leasable, locatable, and salable mineral exploration and development opportunities.
- 1.1(e) – Provide undisturbed areas for use by outfitter and guide clients, including river floaters.
- 1.1(f) – Provide areas for alpine skiing and commercial ski and snowmobile operations.
- 1.1(g) – Help re-establish historic elk migration routes to provide increased viewing and hunting opportunities for outfitters and clients.
- 1.1(h) – Provide forage for about 260,000 animal unit months (AUM) of livestock grazing annually.
- 1.1(i) – Help utilities provide services.

Goal 1.2 – A safe transportation system meets the needs of commercial users of the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

- 1.2(a) – Provide roads for timber contractors to obtain at least an average annual volume of 12 million board feet of green sawlogs.
- 1.2(b) – Provide roads for timber contractors to obtain at least 5 million board feet of forest products, including commercial firewood, house logs, and posts and poles.
- 1.2(c)-- Provide roads, trails, and driveways for ranchers to manage about 260,000 AUMs of livestock grazing.
- 1.2(d) – Provide roads and trails for the outfitting and guide industry.

1.2(e) – Provide up to 35 miles of new road access opportunities annually to areas of high mineral or oil and gas potential for exploration and development.

1.2(f) – Upgrade up to 68 miles of substandard roads over the life of the Forest Plan where it is desirable to meet improved access 1.2(a-e).

Goal 1.4 – Water production is increased in the Green River watershed.

1.4(a) – Locate and develop best sites for increased water production.

Goal 2.1 – Adequate habitat for wildlife, fish, and edible vegetation to help meet human food needs is preserved.

2.1(a) – Provide suitable and adequate habitat to support the game and fish populations established by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, as agreed to by the Forest Service.

2.1(b) – Provide opportunities for people to collect edible forest products such as mushrooms and berries.

Goal 2.3 – High-quality dispersed recreation opportunities exist to serve Bridger-Teton National Forest visitors.

2.3(a) – Retain, improve, and add dispersed recreation opportunities.

Goal 2.4 – Supplies of personal-use products such as firewood, Christmas trees, ornamentals, rock, gravel, and other special items are available for people's use.

2.4(a) – Provide access to an average of 2.5 cords of firewood per firewood-gathering household per year, offering commercial-timber-harvest residual material whenever possible.

2.4(b) – Provide opportunities to get Christmas trees, ornamentals, rock, gravel, and other special items.

Goal 2.5 – A safe road and trail system provides access to a range of recreation opportunities and settings.

2.5(a) – Retain some popular, traditional roads for sedan travel.

2.5(b) – Retain and, in some cases, add some roads for high-clearance vehicles (4x4s).

2.5(c)-- Retain, improve, and add trails for off-highway vehicles (OHVs) including snowmobiles.

2.5(d) – Retain, improve, and add trails for foot, riding stock, llama, and mountain bike travel.

Goal 4.1 – Road management preserves wildlife security, soil, visual resource, and water-quality objectives.

- 4.1(a) – Minimize new road building and downgrade or close existing roads and motorized access trails to maintain or increase wildlife security.
- 4.1(b) – Design roads and structures to retain soil, visual resource, and water-quality objectives.

Goal 4.2 – Other resource values are retained or improved as timber is removed from the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

- 4.2(a) – Apply silvicultural practices to achieve documented, site-specific, multiple-resource objectives on lands suited—scheduled—for timber production.
- 4.2(b) – Cut or remove timber to meet documented, site-specific recreation, wildlife, visual, or water-production objectives on lands not suited—unscheduled—for timber production.
- 4.2(c) -- Manage the timber program on the National Forest in a manner wherein total monetary and non-monetary benefits are equal to or exceed total monetary and non-monetary costs and wherein monetary benefits and costs are discounted and non-monetary benefits and costs are not.
- 4.2(d) – Prevent logging or certain logging practices where potential effects on other resource values, including wildlife, threatened and endangered species, recreation, soils, air, visual resource, and water quality values are unacceptable.

Goal 4.3 – Overall diversity of and riparian habitats within the Bridger-Teton National Forest are enhanced as timber is removed.

- 4.3(a) – Provide for vegetative species and age diversity, genetic quality, and forest appearance.
- 4.3(b) – Provide for diverse habitats to ensure viable populations of management indicator species.
- 4.3(c)-- Protect and rehabilitate riparian areas to retain and improve their value for fisheries, aquatic habitat, wildlife, and water quality.

Goal 4.4 – Other resources are protected during exploration and development of subsurface resources.

- 4.4(a) – Require that surface occupancy of lands takes place only on lands available for mineral exploration and development.
- 4.4(b) – Prevent surface occupancy where potential effects on other resources, including wildlife, threatened and endangered species, recreation, soils, air, visual resource, and water are unacceptable.

4.4 (c) -- Apply performance standards or stipulations in mineral plans, permits, and leases for the protection of other resource values.

Goal 4.7 – Grazing use of National Forest sustains or improves overall range, soils, water, wildlife, and recreation values or experiences.

4.7(a) – Retain or improve forage and overall range condition.

4.7(b) – Retain or enhance riparian vegetation, stream channel stability, sensitive soils, and water quality where livestock are present.

4.7 (c) -- Coordinate the management of livestock with recreational use.

4.7(d) – Require that suitable and adequate amounts of forage and cover are retained for wildlife and fish.