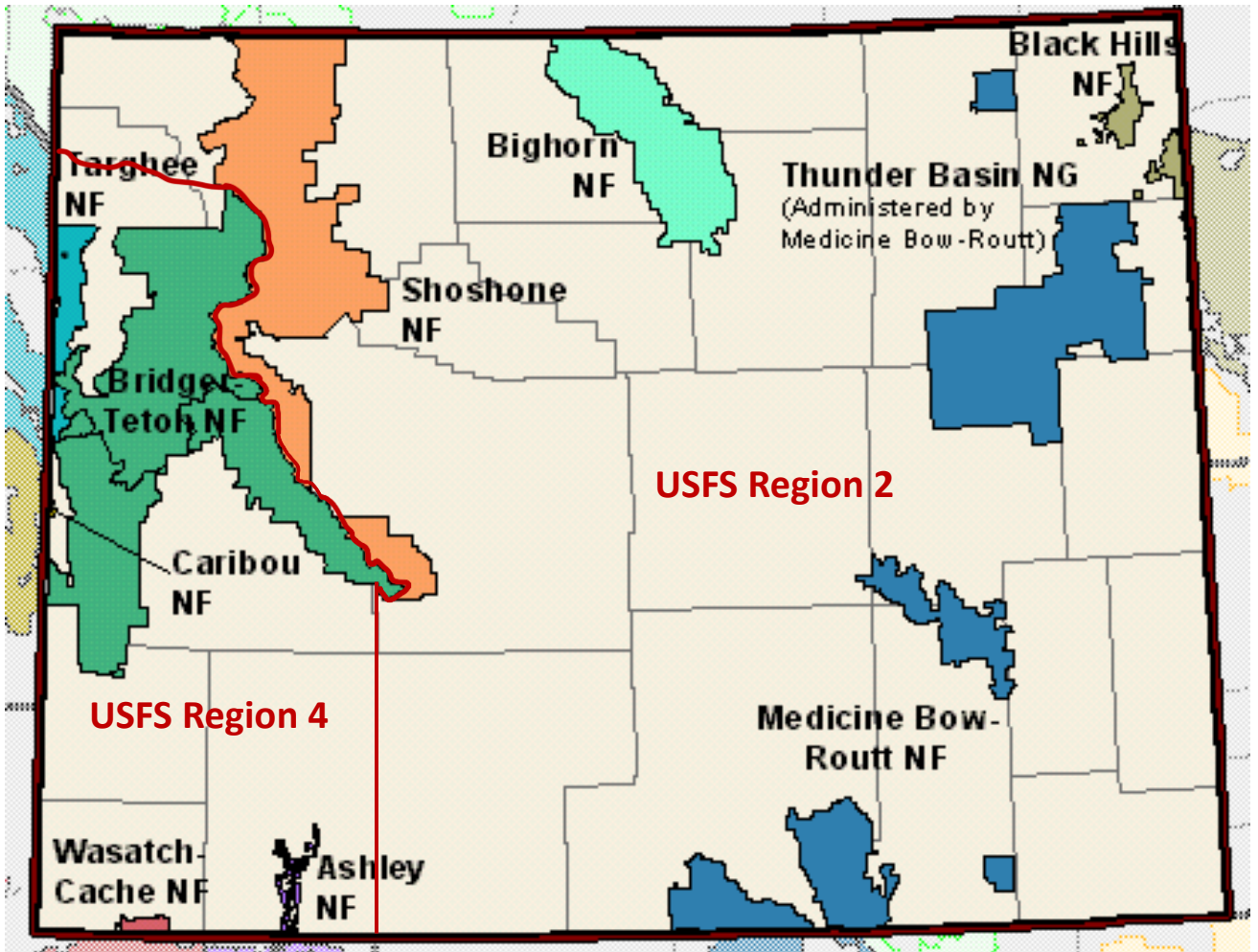


# State of Wyoming and the U.S. Forest Service

The U.S. Forest Service manages more than 9 million acres in Wyoming, which includes 10 national forests and one national grassland.



**Region 4: Intermountain Region:**

Regional Forester Ben Newburn

- Ashley National Forest
- Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Caribou-Targhee National Forest
- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests

**Region 2: Rocky Mountain Region:**

Regional Forester Troy Heithecker

- Bighorn National Forest
- Black Hills National Forest
- Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland
- Shoshone National Forest

# Meeting the Forest Service Mission

**To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.**

- Efficiently and sustainably manage National Forest System lands with our partners and public for multiple use and benefit, supporting the safety and social and economic interests of our local communities.
- Confront the wildfire crisis with a robust [strategy](#) to address the most immediate threats to communities, critical infrastructure, and natural resources.
- Proactively manage emerging threats to the landscape with fuels treatments, invasives management, and watershed restoration for safe drinking water and community protection.
- Continue to work with the State of Wyoming and local counties on planning, management, and implementation of meaningful work on National Forest System lands “for the greatest good, for the greatest number, for the longest time”. *Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service*

## Benefits of National Forest System Lands in Wyoming

Recreational opportunities, such as snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, biking, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and wildlife watching

Economic opportunities, such as timber harvest, livestock grazing, outfitting and guiding, and mineral extraction.

Habitat for wildlife and fisheries

Scenic landscapes and open spaces

Clean rivers and streams for drinking water and recreation.



Located in western Wyoming, the Bridger-Teton offers more than 3.4 million acres of public land. (USDA Forest Service photo by Pattiz Brothers)

## Accomplishments

\$48 million in federal investments from the Forest Service in Wyoming for fiscal years 2022-2025. This includes:

- \$10 million through the State Forestry Forest Legacy Program
- \$6.1M Great American Outdoors Act investments to cooperative landscape conservation
- \$5M Collaborative Wildfire Risk Reduction Program
- \$4.3M Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Program
- \$994,000 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program
- \$640,000 Good Neighbor Authority Projects
- \$440,000 Wood Innovations Grants
- Completion of the Ashley National Forest land management plan revision resulted in economic contributions for timber and grazing
- The Black Hills National Forest is currently in revision and is looking at issues related to active forest management, recreational opportunities, and surface and ground water quality.
- The Bridger-Teton National Forest is assessing current conditions and will be looking at how the revised plan can address issues related to access, wildlife, wildfire, water quality, range, and timber.