



We are reaching out to you the businesses of the Jackson Hole Community because The Bridger-Teton National Forest is experiencing a significant increase in camping this summer, both at developed campgrounds and dispersed (undeveloped) campsites. Because of the spike in use, visitors are struggling to find Forest locations to camp, often searching for hours for a place to park and set up. Popular areas in the Jackson and Blackrock Districts are filling by early to mid-morning.

The higher use is also resulting in an increase in violations and resource concerns, most notably building new fire rings, abandoned campfires, proper food storage in bear country, human waste, and off-route motorized travel.

We are implementing a variety of outreach efforts, including asking for the community's help in giving out information to anyone that may be considering or asking about camping on the national forest. Attached is a list of key messages we would like you to share as you talk to visitors. The more we can share these points with visitors to our community, the more successful we'll be in protecting our public lands. We sincerely hope you can help in this effort.

Over the next few weeks, we will regularly share information regarding general availability for camping locations based on what our field staff is reporting.

For the week of July 27, patrollers/ambassadors are seeing:

- These developed campgrounds are filling by mid-day:
 - Atherton
 - Crystal Creek
 - Curtis
 - Pacific Creek
 - Sheffield
 - Hatchet
 - Turpin Meadows
 - East Table
 - Station Creek
 - Hoback

- The following designated dispersed camping areas are also filling by mid-day:
 - Spread Creek/Toppings
 - Shadow Mountain
 - Curtis Canyon

- The following campgrounds fill less quickly:
 - Wolf Creek Campground
 - Kozy Creek Campground

- Campers may be more successful finding dispersed camping in the following locations:
 - Fall Creek: North Fork Fall Creek, Coburn Meadows, Pritchard Pass
 - Hatchet Road
 - Flagstaff Road
 - the State lot on Togwotee
 - Upper Gros Ventre: Slate Creek and beyond

- Consider locations south of Jackson, such as:
 - Cliff Creek
 - North and South Fisherman's Creek
 - Bondurant
 - Greys River Road

Thank you for sharing this with your patrons and interested visitors in the hope of maintaining our beautiful public lands and ensuring a safe and experience all its users.