

4 million people don't visit Jackson Hole* each year in hope of seeing an oil well.

Did you know:

- More than half of the 3.4-million-acre Bridger-Teton National Forest — *including some of Jackson Hole's best wildlife habitat* — is threatened by oil and gas leasing?

More forest facts:

- The current management plan for the Bridger-Teton opens 1.9 million acres to energy development.
- About 200,000 of these 1.9 million acres of prime wildlife habitat and pristine backcountry have already been leased to the oil and gas industry, including areas in the Gros Ventre Wilderness.
- In 2003, Forest Supervisor Kniffy Hamilton announced that she would not authorize oil and gas leases on about 375,000 acres targeted for drilling in the northern Bridger-Teton. But this decision is not permanent — the current forest plan still designates these areas between the Bridger and Gros Ventre Wilderness as open for leasing.

The good news is:

- Forest officials are working on a new management plan, which is due out in 2009.
- We now have the opportunity to tell them we want the 1.7 million as-yet-unleased acres of the forest permanently protected from oil and gas development.
- The new plan will guide Bridger-Teton officials as they make land management decisions during the next 15 to 20 years. Your input is crucial to ensure they adopt a plan that manages the Forest for its long-term health.
- ***Please let these forest and elected officials know that your favorite places in the forest should be designated "not suitable" for oil and gas development in the new management plan:***

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