

November 6, 2020
Chad Hudson
Acting Forest Supervisor
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Jackson, WY 83001



RE: Support for transfer of lands to the Bridger-Teton National Forest

Dear Mr. Hudson:

For more than 40 years, the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance has protected the wildlife, wild lands, and community character of Jackson Hole. Inherent to that mission is an appreciation for our public lands and partnerships with their managers. In years past, we've worked as a watchdog to defend Jackson Hole from many bad ideas we don't see today, from oil and gas wells in Cache Creek to a dam that would have flooded Oxbow Bend. Today, we are proud to support a good idea – the proactive efforts of the Bridger-Teton National Forest to better steward our public lands through the acquisition of two parcels.

Both parcels are entirely surrounded by protected public lands:

- The 640-acre section of state trust lands up Cache Creek in the Gros Ventre Wilderness (Woods Canyon). This wilderness parcel provides crucial big game winter range and exceptional recreational opportunities and is vulnerable to greater revenue generation demanded by Wyoming House Bill 162. Along with the Wyoming Outdoor Council, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and the Snake River Fund, we have already [petitioned](#) the Office of State Lands and Investments to consider these parcels (among others) for transfer to the Forest.
- The 231 acres along Flat Creek owned by Wyoming Game and Fish Commission between the National Elk Refuge and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. This parcel also provides crucial big game winter range and is important to elk and bison wintering on the National Elk Refuge.

Both parcels are key to maintaining the connected landscape and intact ecosystem that is the bedrock of our local economy and key to our quality of life. We fully support the use of Land and Water Conservation Funding to purchase these parcels for the Forest, while providing revenue for our state schools and agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Skye Schell".

Skye Schell
Executive Director