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Cindy Stein South Zone Recreation Program Manager
Bridger-Teton National Forest

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Cindy was born and raised in central and northern California, spending much of her time camping, fishing, riding and hiking in the Sierras with her family. She graduated with a degree in Natural Resource Planning from Humboldt State University, and began her career in the outdoors as a firefighter for the California Department of Forestry before moving to Oregon in 1982, where she held her first position with the Forest Service as a Wilderness Ranger and horse packer for the Rogue River National Forest.

During this time, Cindy became an active volunteer with the local Search & Rescue group, where she met her husband of 30 years. She worked for the USFS in Oregon from 1982-1992, in addition to serving 6 years with the Oregon Army National Guard, including during Desert Storm.

Cindy and husband Dave moved east to go west in 1992, settling in Pinedale, Wyoming, where Cindy currently serves as the South Zone



Recreation Program Manager for the Wilderness, Recreation, and Special Uses programs on the Pinedale, Big Piney, and Kemmerer Districts of the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Cindy has a passion for the outdoors, is a Leave-No-Trace-Horse Master Trainer, and serves as Secretary for the local Mountain Man Backcountry Horsemen chapter. Having worked in a very rewarding career with the Forest Service for 33 years, she recognizes the importance of the outfitter-guide industry and believes that the public is best served when the USFS and outfitter-guides work together in partnership to provide quality customer service balanced with taking care of the

resources which the public come to Wyoming to enjoy.

Cindy and hubby plan to remain in the Pinedale area, which offers the rugged Wind River and Wyoming Mountain Ranges along with the perfect small town atmosphere and big "wild west" attitude! 🐾