

# Forest Service to meet public on Snow King trails

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The Bridger-Teton National Forest will hold a forum Feb. 10 to let the public know the status of trail proposals in the Snow King area.

U.S. Forest Service officials are considering a number of changes to the trail network near Jackson, including an extension of Putt-Putt Trail, a new mountain bike trail near the high ridge south of Cache Creek and other additions and alterations to the popular walking and biking areas.

The forum will include “information stations” devoted to various topics: the Bridger-Teton’s Jackson district nonmotorized trail assessment, public response to the trail proposals, the Skyline Trail’s wildlife analyses, the science of how trails affect the environment and overall management direction for the Cache Creek and Game Creek areas.

The gathering, scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Teton County Library, is organized by the Forest Service, Friends of Pathways and Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. Bridger-Teton retiree and conservationist Susan Marsh and Luther Propst, a rec advocate, will give opening remarks.

“The forum will also include a public discussion to identify educational and stewardship ideas to help achieve the vision of the area,” a statement said.

That vision is to provide “accessible nonmotorized day use opportunities with an emphasis on promoting community stewardship, healthy lifestyles and connection with nature.”

Besides the Skyline Trail and the Putt-Putt extension, Forest Service planners have proposed separating bikers and hikers at the base of Crystal Butte and Josie’s Ridge.

Jackson District Ranger Dale Deiter said the Forest Service knows Cache and Game offer residents a “daily connection with nature, outdoor time with family or friends, and physical or mental release.”

“I am especially interested in ideas about how we move forward together as a community to provide recreation opportunities for a growing population while also protecting wildlife and the natural resources that make Jackson Hole special,” Deiter said.

The documents that will be discussed — the Snow King area trails proposal and the trails master plan for the Jackson District — are available online at [FS.usda.gov/btnf](http://FS.usda.gov/btnf).

***Note:** This story was modified to correct the date of the forum. It takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 10. — Eds.*