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Greetings

Welcome to the Bridger-Teton project in Jackson, Wyoming. We are truly fortunate to be able to provide a week of service in the Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF). Our projects will be headquartered out of the city of Jackson, Wyoming - sometimes referred to as Jackson Hole. The city is surrounded by mountains and sits in a beautiful valley. Adjacent to the Bridger-Teton National Forest are two of the most popular and beautiful National Parks - Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Mountains, wildlife, roaring rapids, tall trees, hot springs, wide open vistas and communities of very helpful and friendly people from Wyoming and Idaho will greet you whether you are a staff member or a participant.

The leadership team of the BTNF is very excited and supportive of you and the project. By the time we open our project on July 26, 2008, we will have been meeting and planning for this project for almost three years. Environmental assessments, communications, emergency procedures, transportation, and a host of logistical and planning details have been identified and are being worked on by joint teams of USFS professionals and OA volunteers. This is new ground that we're plowing. Planning a NOAC - piece of cake! Planning to build a city and support system for 1,000 volunteers and staff at three locations - well, not exactly a piece of cake. While we are plowing new ground, we have a wealth of experience within our staff, the local community (scout and non scouts), and the BTNF staff.

Over the next few months, you will be updated through our BT newsletter. Whether you are a staff member or a member of a council contingent, please review these and save them for future reference. Check out the ArrowCorps5 website at: <http://event.oa-bsa.org>.

In future issues you will meet your youth and BTNF leadership and hear about more projects and what to expect when we meet in July.

A few words on getting prepared. Many of you have been to Philmont on a trek. You know that advanced preparation is the key to enjoying the wilderness experience. You need to approach ArrowCorps5 the same way. We will be living and working in the backcountry. Jackson is located at approximately 6,400 feet. The Dutch Joe project team will be camped at an elevation of approximately 9,000 feet. Low humidity is also very common. You need to arrive ready to live and work in that environment. You must be able to meet the same physical requirements as if you are going to Philmont. Height and weight standards will apply. Due to the remote location, our medical staff will apply those requirements and those staff and participants who do not meet the requirements will not be allowed in the backcountry. Our project sites are remote. The closest hospital may be hours away.

You have approximately six months before the project. If you need to lose weight - get at it. If you haven't been active, get out and walk. Start a program to help prepare yourself for the backcountry. We are going to have a great time in a great place. We need to be prepared for the conditions so we can enjoy the work, scenery, and fellowship that will be part of this historic service project. We need you to come prepared - after all, we're all Scouts and we know it's our job to "Be Prepared".

Staff members - you will be notified of your expected arrival date and also you will be notified who you will be working for during the project. If you have questions, please contact your staff supervisor once you receive that information.

See you at the Bridger-Teton Service Project!
Dan Segersin, Incident Commander (OA/BSA)



Teton Pass

Hardest of the Hardcore

by Rob Rodriguez

Service is our Brotherhood's calling card and we will answer that call in the summer of 2008 in the Grand Tetons of Wyoming. Six-hundred-fifty hardcore Arrowmen will ascend onto Teton Pass of the Bridger - Teton National Forest armed with an arsenal of tools to fulfill a mission of creating over ten miles of new trails. The equipment needed for such an undertaking is staggering. The tools list so far includes 650 pairs of goggles and helmets, 280 mattocks, 175 McLeods, over 100 each of shovels and rakes to name just a few. The Teton Pass Project will cover new construction of four trails, the longest of which will be five miles. They will be built for horses, hikers, and mountain bikers. Thousands of people from all over the world will use these new trails for many years to come as they visit the National Forest. And of course, we will be completing this entire *grand* service project in only five days.

Planning for this immense task is well underway. The Teton Pass Project leadership is currently developing needs lists, transportation plans, and trail work plans. The leadership keeps close contact with the Forest Service, asking tough questions and working together to find solutions. So far it has been an active, challenging and fun process for all those involved. The leadership team will continue to prepare, making certain that when participants arrive at Bridger - Teton National Forest, they can hit the trail and start building.

There is excitement in everyone's voices when discussing the challenge the OA and the Forest Service have accepted. Hopefully you are excited too. This is a unique opportunity in which Arrowmen can participate and it should not be missed. It will be a humbling and memorable experience for all. Do your part in offering this opportunity to others by promoting ArrowCorp5 in your local lodges and councils.

Dutch Joe Project

Why Dutch Joe? “Dutch Joe” was actually Joe Himmersback, a settler from Holland in the late 1800’s who made his living trapping and raising livestock. Dutch Joe is now the name of the Forest Service Guard Shack that will be the base of operations for five of the projects to take place next summer in the Bridger-Teton Forest. Nestled along the edge of the Bridger-Teton Wilderness with an elevation above 8,500 feet and stunning views of the Wind River Range, the Dutch Joe project will truly be a High Adventure experience. The project site is located approximately 3 hours southeast of Jackson, outside of Pinedale. This will be the most remote project site at the Bridger-Teton Project. The five projects for the Dutch Joe site include the Guard Station Fence Removal, Big Sandy Creek Debris Barrier, Big Sandy Buck & Rail Fence Removal, Big Sandy Enclosure Removal, and Sedgewick Meadows Fence Removal.



The Guard Station and Sedgewick Meadows Fence Removal projects consist of sheep wire fencing that goes on and on and on. This fencing is hazardous to the livestock as well as the wildlife in the area, not to mention an eye-sore on the land. The project will consist of several squads working to remove the wiring as well as any metal hardware used to secure it. Some of the posts are metal and they will need to be removed, but most are wooden posts that will remain.

The Big Sandy Creek Debris Barrier project focuses on the building of a barrier using natural materials along the Big Sandy Creek. The Big Sandy area has long been used for sheep grazing and the sheep have worn down the banks of the creek to the point where an unhealthy amount of silt and dirt are now eroding into the creek. The silt and dirt are affecting a sensitive Cutthroat Trout species that lives in the creek and therefore requiring this project.





The Big Sandy Buck & Fence Removal project is set in a meadow with picturesque views of the Wind River Range. The fence is approximately ½ mile long and completely rotten. The Forest Service has asked us to stack the wooden rails into piles to be burned at some point during the winter.

Just down the road from the Buck & Rail fence is the Big Sandy Enclosure Removal. This project consists of a sheep enclosure that encompasses approximately 40 acres. The enclosure is built of sheep fence and the Forest Service would like it removed in the same manner as the other sheep wire fence removals.



Management's goal for the week is to complete the Big Sandy Creek Debris Barrier, the Buck & Rail project, and the enclosure, while removing as much of the other two fences as possible. The crews will be living separately from each other, but will eat dinner together with the entire staff at the Dutch Joe Guard Shack. Why Dutch Joe? Because it will be the place for the most unique wilderness experience in the Bridger-Teton National Forest and the entire ArrowCorp⁵ project.

What's the Plan?

Many of you are curious about the work schedule during Arrow-Corps5. A detailed schedule is being coordinated. In the meantime, here's an overview of what Arrowmen can expect during ArrowCorps5.

Saturday, July 26 (Day 0)

- **Arrival Day**
- **Registration opens at 9:00 AM at Jackson High School**
- **Set up camp and complete AC⁵ orientation during the day**
- **Dinner at 5:00 PM**
- **Opening show in the evening**

Registration will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Contingents must plan to arrive prior to 5:00 PM. For Arrowmen who plant to fly to Jackson, WY, there will be shuttle service available to Jackson High School for a fee of \$25 per person.

Dinner will be the first meal provided to contingents. Everyone will be served out of the Jackson Hole High School cafeteria.

Contingents will register, setup camp and go through AC⁵ orientation during the day. Individuals will be assigned to a crew and a squad for work purposes. In the evening, there will be an Opening Gathering in the Jackson Hole High School gym.

As contingents register, Arrowmen will be assigned to a work site (Dutch Joe, Goosewing or Teton Pass) and a crew/squad. Each crew is made up of squads. It is important that Arrowmen know what crew they are assigned to, as they will be working by crew.

Contingents will pick-up both breakfast and lunch meals at the same time in the morning.

Once the Dutch Joe and Goosewing crews leave for their sites, they will not return to Jackson Hole until Thursday afternoon. Crews staying at the Teton Pass work site will break up into crews and receive work briefings.

Everyone, regardless of their work site will be served a hot dinner. Arrowmen staying at Teton Pass will eat out of the Jackson Hole High School cafeteria. Cooking crews at Dutch Joe and Goosewing will prepare meals for Arrowmen at their respective location.

Sunday, July 27 (Day 1)

- **Breakfast—Philmont Trail meal**
- **AC⁵ orientation continues**
- **Lunch—Philmont Trail meal**
- **Dutch Joe and Goosewing crews transported to sites to set up camp**
- **Hot dinner**

Monday, July 28 (Day 2)

- Philmont Trail Breakfast
- Work through the day, Philmont Trail lunch
- Hot dinner at camp
- Rest and prepare for Day 3



Tuesday, July 29 (Day 3) and Wednesday, July 30 (Day 4)

- Philmont Trail Breakfast
- Work through the day, Philmont Trail lunch
- Teton Pass recreation day on Wednesday
- Hot dinner at camp

Approximately 200 Arrowmen assigned to Teton Pass will have their recreation day on Wednesday. There are several recreation options, which Arrowmen will prioritize on their registration form. Based upon availability, Arrowmen will be assigned to a recreational activity. We will then schedule Teton Pass crews for a specific recreation day.

Arrowmen at Teton Pass will be told where and when to report to be transported to their recreation location. All Arrowmen will return to Jackson Hole High School before dinner.



Thursday, July 31 (Day 5)

- Philmont Trail Breakfast
- Dutch Joe and Goosewing crews work half day, then break camp and return to Jackson Hole
- Recreation day for the rest of Teton Pass crews
- All crews have hot dinner at Jackson Hole High School



There will be a Closing Gathering in the Jackson Hole High School gym to congratulate the Arrowmen who served and commemorate our service to the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Following the gathering, crews should start packing gear and prepare to depart Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Saturday, August 2 (Day 7)

- **Philmont Trail Breakfast**
- **Shuttle available to Jackson airport for \$25 per person**
- **All contingents must depart base camp by 11:00 AM**

Friday, August 1 (Day 6)

- **Philmont Trail Breakfast**
- **Teton Pass crews work throughout the day—
Philmont Trail lunch**
- **Dutch Joe and Goosewing crews enjoy a recreation day**
- **All crews eat hot dinner at Jackson High School**
- **Closing Gathering**

As you can tell, we've got to work out a lot of the details. Our transportation, food services, housing and operations teams are all diligently working-out the details of our day-to-day schedule. Know this...we've got approximately 10 miles of trail to build at Teton Pass, close to 1 mile of fence to remove at Goosewing and about 1/2 mile of fence to remove and erosion control measures to install at Dutch Joe. We're going to work hard, but we're also going to have fun. We've got an extremely experienced team managing the operation.



Weather Report

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Beware of avalanches on the BTNF! That is if you are planning to visit the BTNF during the winter months. Well, so much for the wintry stuff.

Of course, the BTNF-ArrowCorps5 project is not slated for the winter months, but during the height of the summer months. Staff and participants should expect BTNF's usual summer weather pattern of clear and calm (and possibly chilly with low's in the 40's) in the morning, with clouds, wind, (and warm –high 80's) with possible thunderstorms building up in the afternoon. Forest Supervisor Lesley Williams says the sound of the thunderstorms can be pretty scary, but awesome, especially as the storm system reverberates throughout the mountains. And, you can't forget about the associated lightening concern. Think Philmont Scout Ranch type weather - the weather on the BTNF will be very similar.

So, we suggest you bring that nice warm fleece for the cool mornings and be prepared for the very warm afternoons. If you are interested in knowing more about weather in the BTNF area, please visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Riverton, WY web site at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/>.



More to Come...

Watch your inbox each month for a new issue of the *TOTALLY TETONS TRIBUNE*. In future issues, we will continue to make sure you get the information you need. If you have burning questions and you need an answer sooner, can check the official Arrow-Corp5 Bridger-Teton web site link on the National Order of the Arrow web site at www.oa-bsa.org.

In early February, updated information including a frequently asked questions list and a participant packing list will be published on the web site. If you would need to contact one of the ArrowCorp5 Bridger-Teton Key Staff, please use the e-mail addresses below. You can also submit questions to the official e-mail address for our project at oa.bridgertetons@gmail.com.



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