

# Backpacking Wyoming – THE WIND RIVER & GRAND TETON RANGES

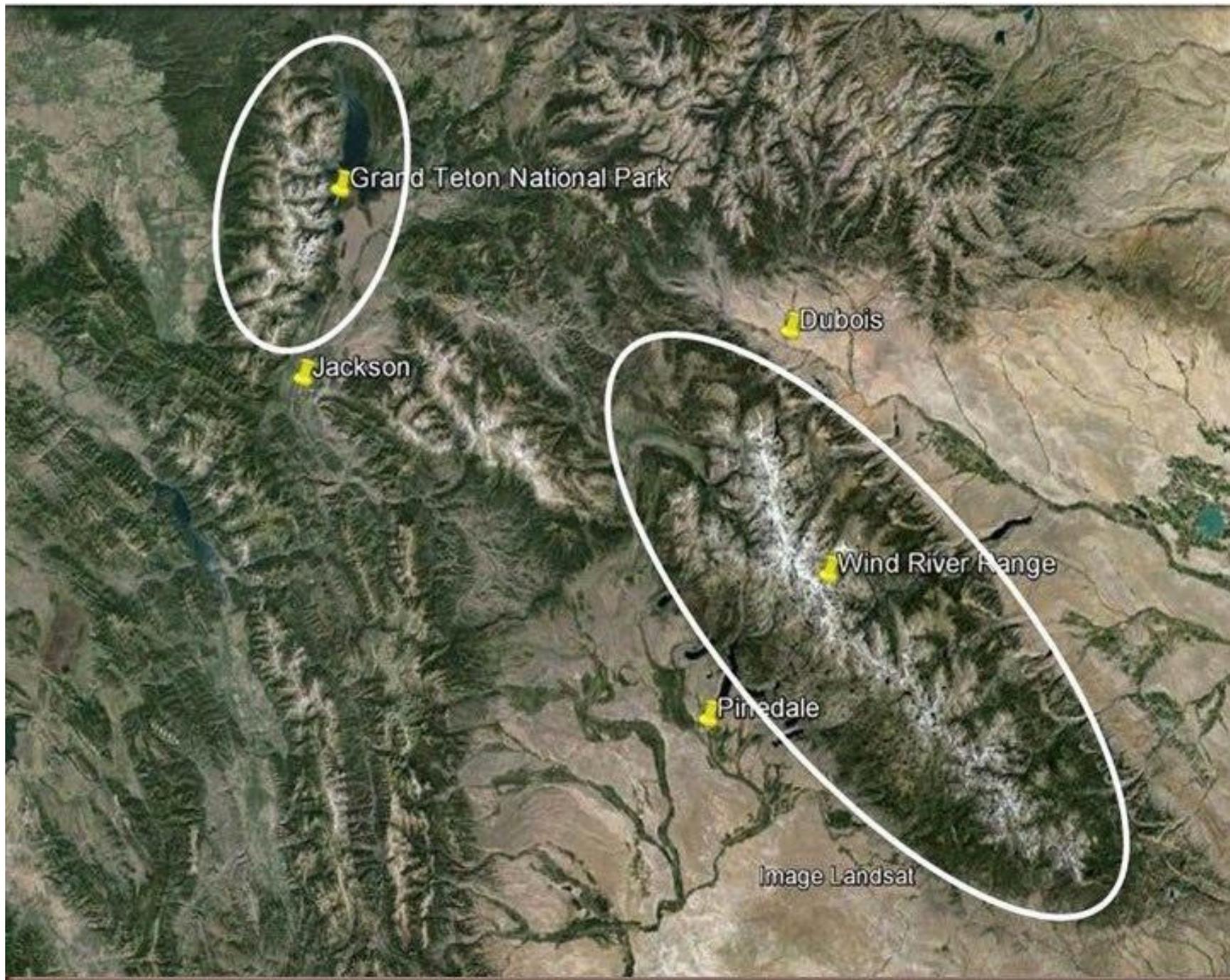


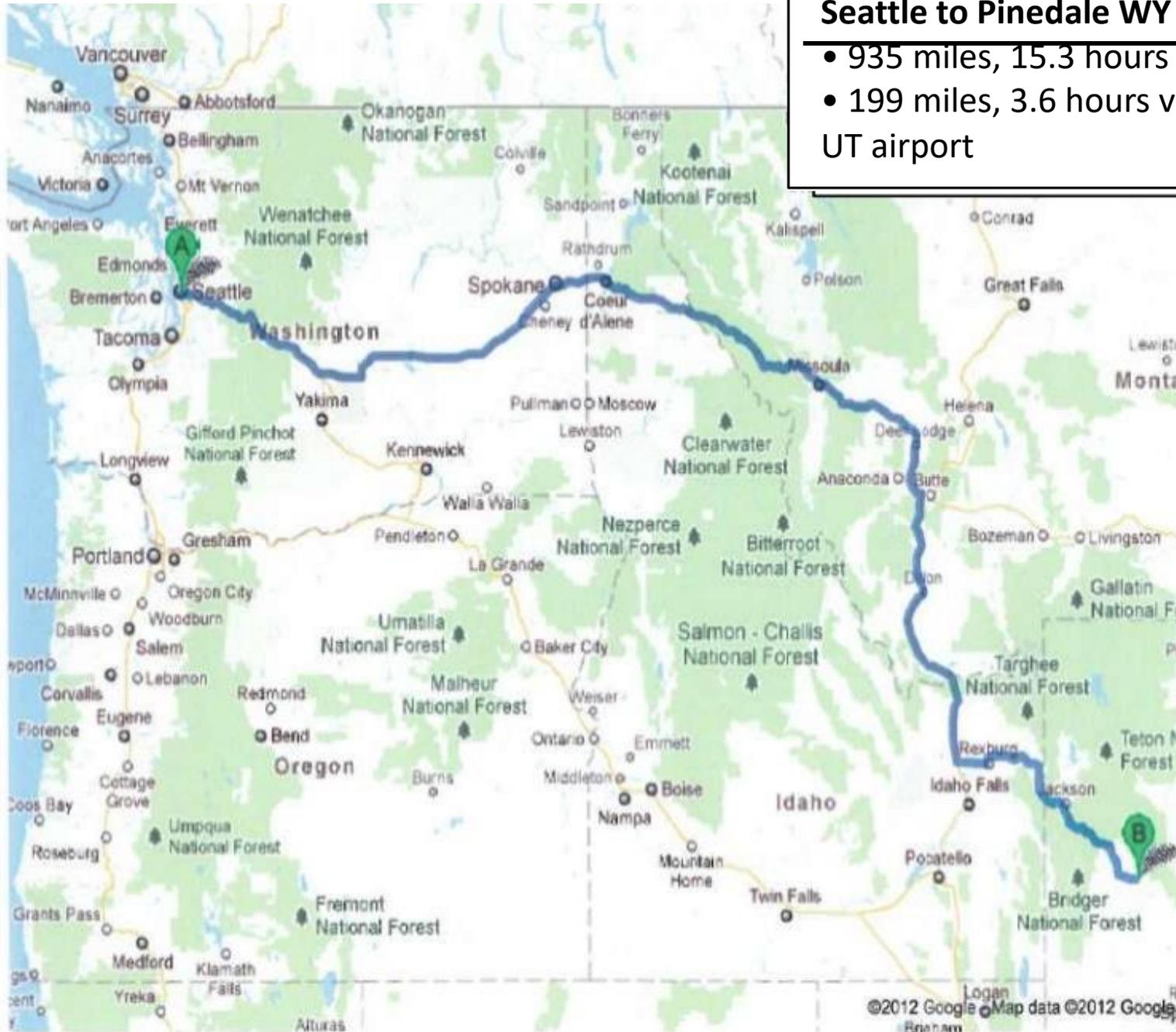
# Two Memorable Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Backpack Trips...

- The Wind River Range Traverse
- The Teton Crest Trail
- Planning & preparation – weather, safety, timing, books, maps, websites
- Travel & Logistics – permits, booking, transportation, accommodations
- A day-by day recap – terrain, highlights, distance, elevation, camps
- Q&A









**Seattle to Pinedale WY**

- 935 miles, 15.3 hours by car
- 199 miles, 3.6 hours via Logan UT airport

**Options:**

- Routes 90-84-86-26 through WA-OR-ID
- Routes 90-15-26 through WA-ID
- Routes 90-287-(191)-WA-ID-WY

# Wyoming...You're Not In Washington State Anymore....



...But Wyoming Is A Scenic Paradise....



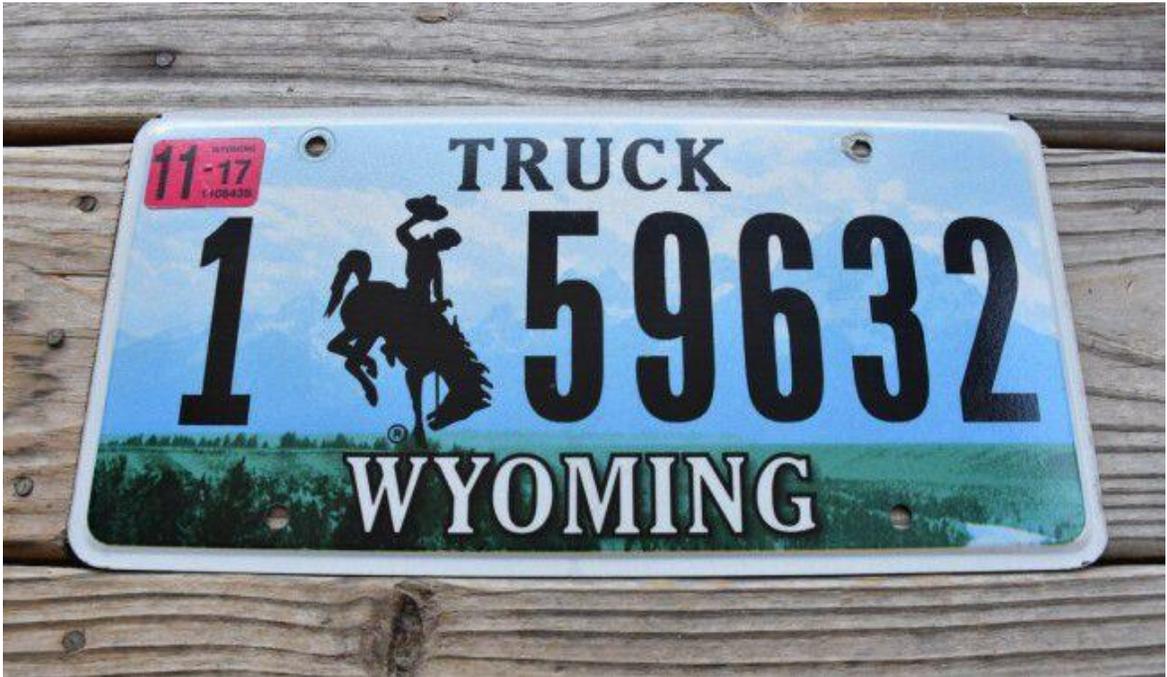


# Ansel Adams – “The Tetons And Snake River” 1942



# Wyoming Wildlife Is Abundant



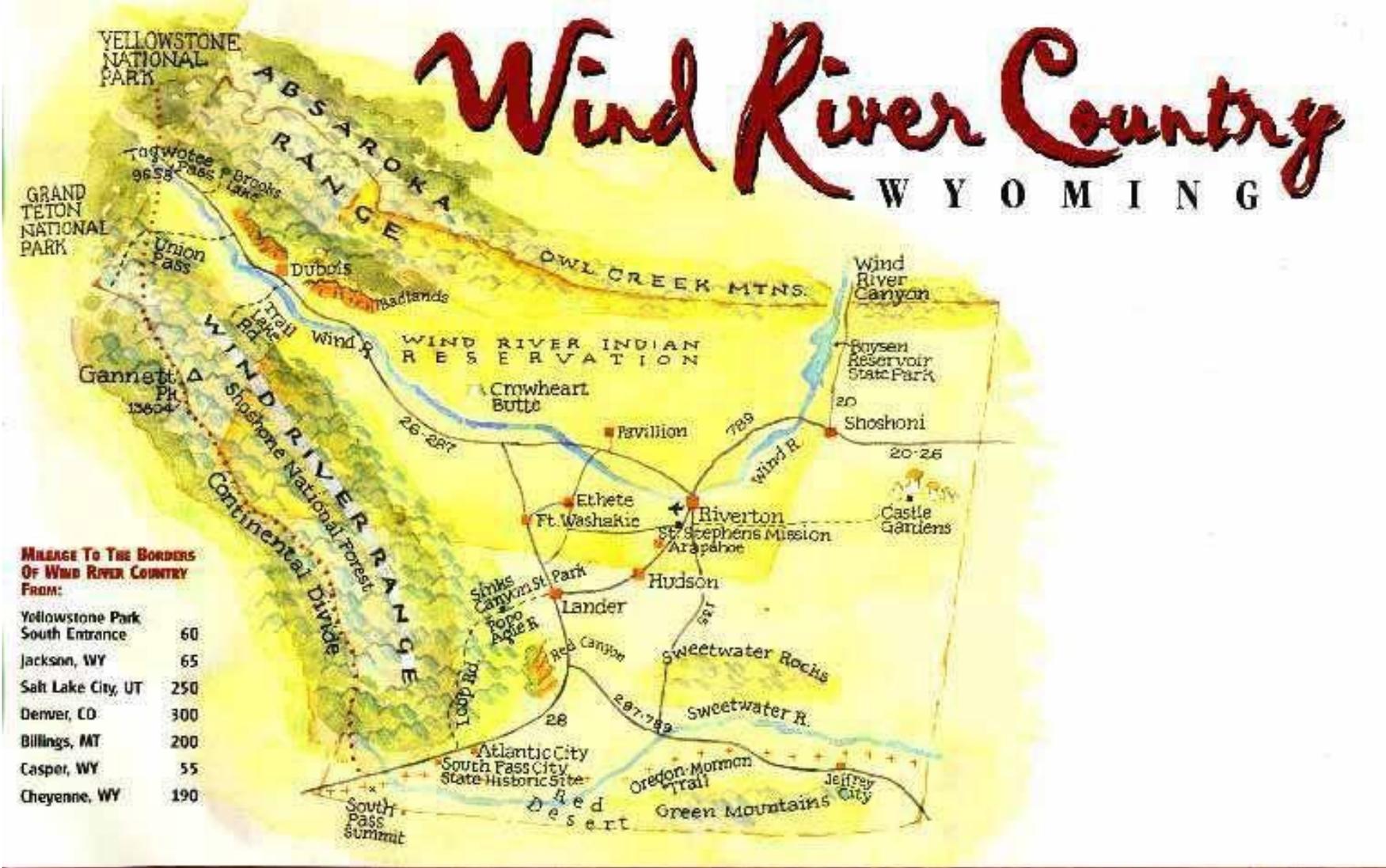


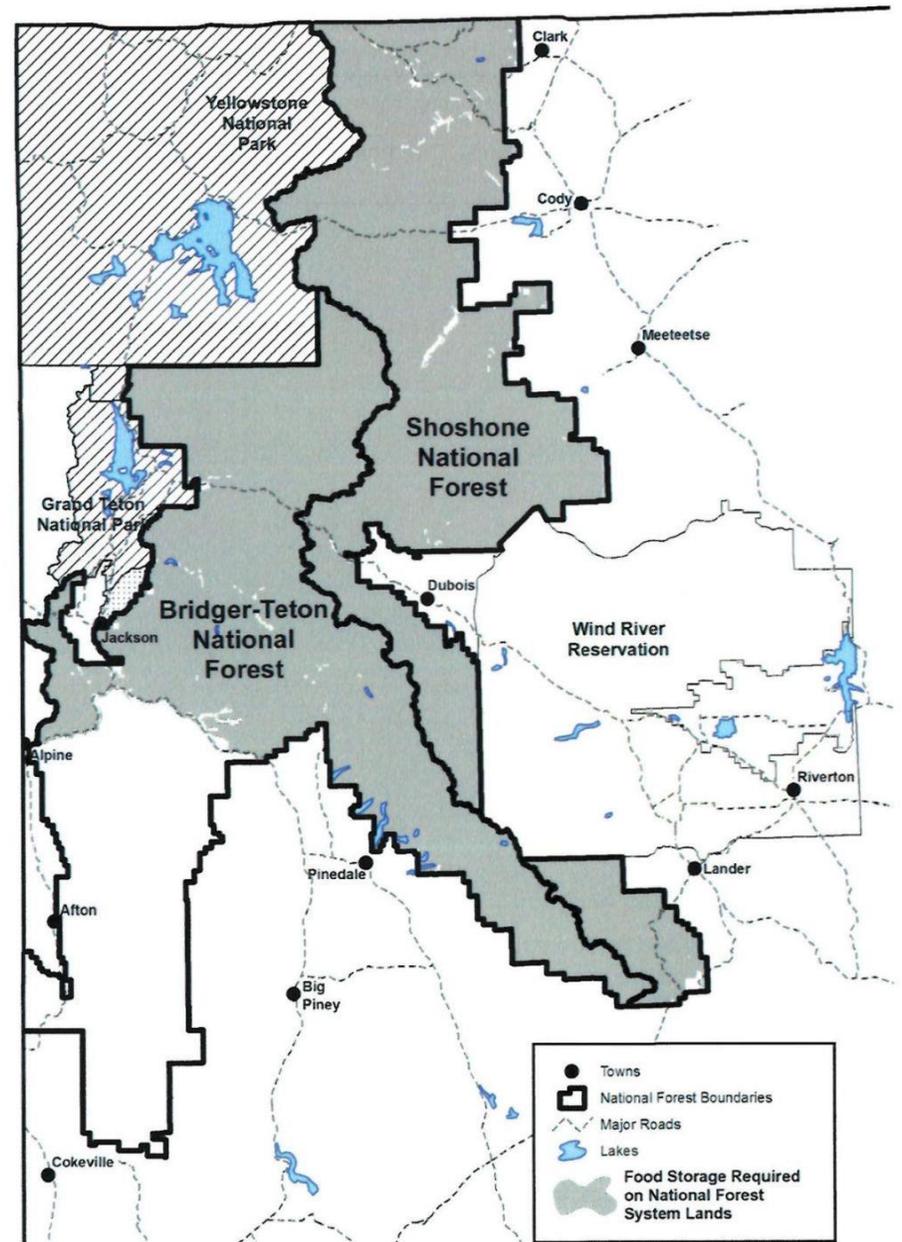






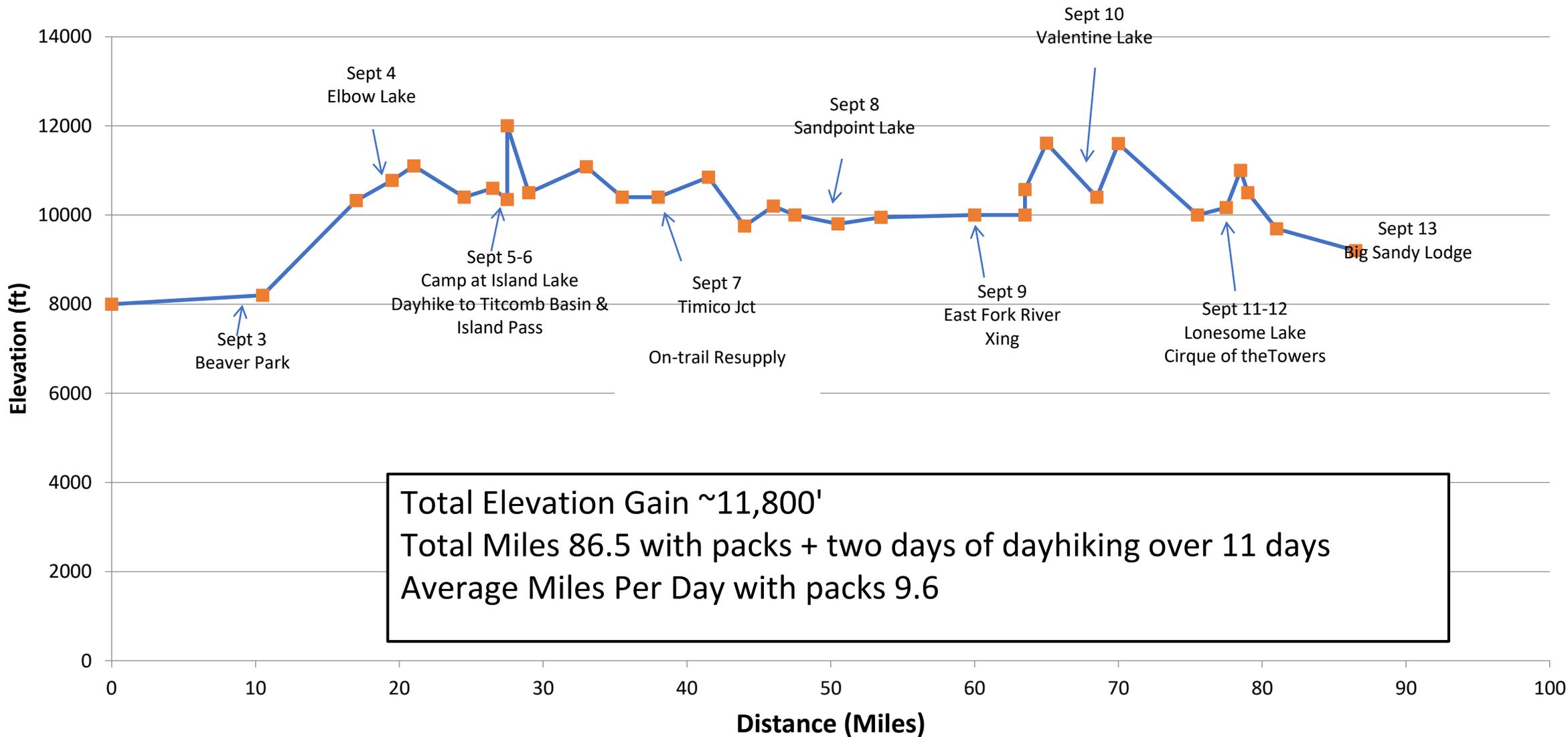
# The Wind River Traverse





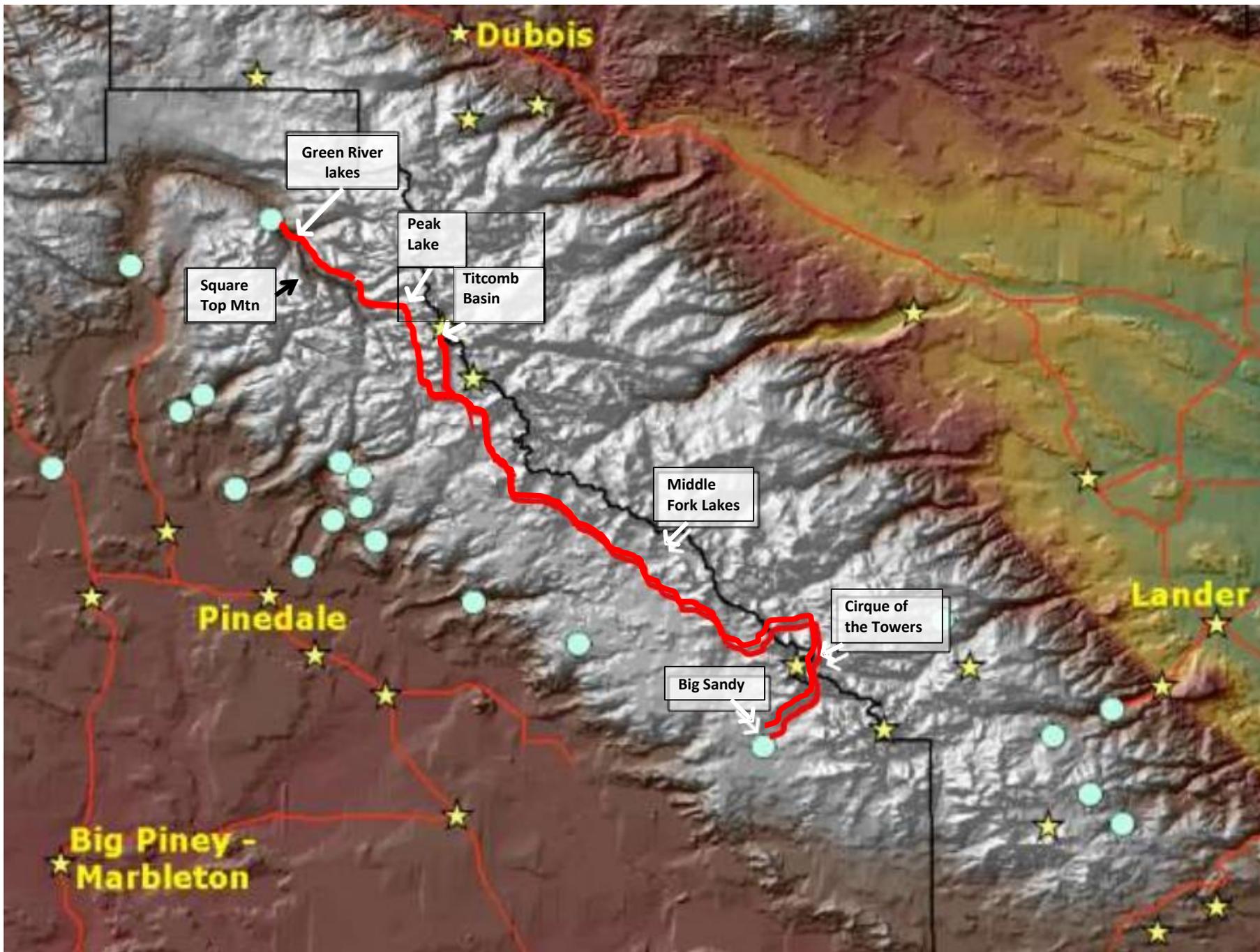
# Wind Rivers Traverse

## Green River Lakes to Big Sandy - Washakie Pass Extension



# Wind River Backpack Profile

| Day | Route                             | Miles | Elevation Gain | Elevation |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|
|     | Green River Lake Trailhead        |       |                | 8,000     |
| 1   | To Beaver Park Camp               | 10.5  | 200            | 8,200     |
| 2   | To Elbow Lake Camp                | 9     | 2,577          | 10,777    |
| 3   | To Island Lake Camp               | 8     | 523            | 10,346    |
| 4   | Day Hike In Titcomb Basin         |       |                |           |
| 5   | Cooks Lake Junction Resupply      |       |                |           |
| 5   | Timico Junction Camp              | 10.5  | 580            | 10,400    |
| 6   | Sandpoint Lake - Middle Fork Camp | 12.5  | 898            | 9,800     |
| 7   | East Fork Meadow Camp             | 9.5   | 200            | 10,000    |
| 8   | Valentine Lake Camp               | 8.5   | 1,600          | 10,399    |
| 9   | Lonesome Lake Camp                | 9     | 1,201          | 10,166    |
| 10  | Day Hike At Cirque Of The Towers  |       |                |           |
| 11  | Big Sandy Lodge                   | 9     | 1,000          | 9,200     |



Hiking 5-13 miles per day, with extra days in  
Titcomb Basin and Cirque of the Towers.  
Elevation gain 2900' on day 2, 1600 or less  
daily gain thereafter.



# Trip Logistics

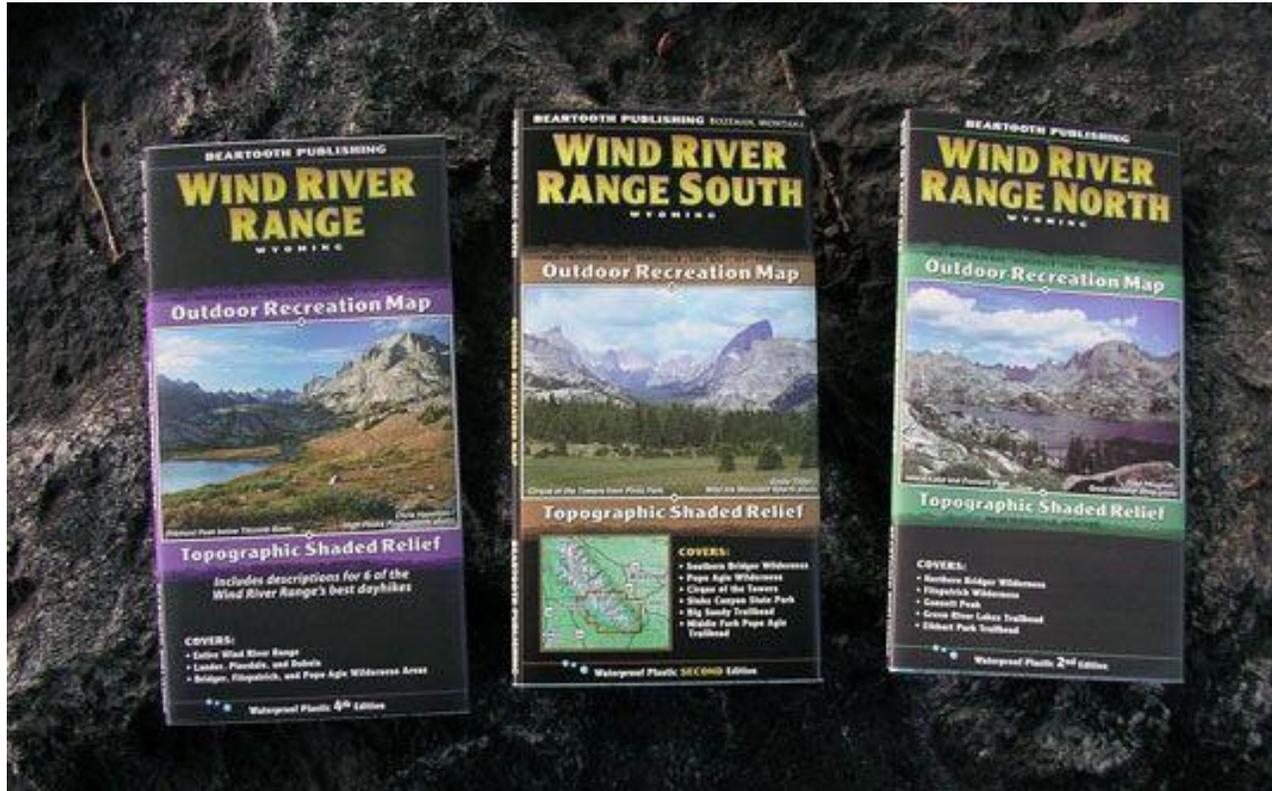
- Pick up permits & final shopping in Pinedale.
- Spend night before at Rivera Lodge in Pinedale
- Shuttle from Pinedale to Green River Lakes trailhead (~50 miles)
- Pack-horse resupply on day 5, on the trail
- On-trail cabins at Big Sandy on last night
- Shuttle back to Pinedale after breakfast

# General Information – Bridger-Teton National Forest

- Group size limited to 15 people.
- Trailhead registration if not part of an organized group.
- Organized groups (clubs, scouts, church groups) need a visitor permit. Free permits are available online or at Pinedale Ranger District.
- Campfires prohibited above timberline.
- All food and refuse must be acceptably stored. IGBC Guidelines; Ursacks allowed. Bear resistant containers can be borrowed from the Pinedale District office. Bear spray recommended.

# Resources

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# American Alpine Club Huts – option for pre-trip lodging



# Riviera Lodge – Pre-trip Accommodation

--Rooms Along The Creek, With Breakfast (\$69-\$159)

--Private Cabins, with Kitchens (\$99-\$169)





**Trail Shuttle - Pinedale to Green River Lake CG (start) – 1 hr 55 mins**

**Trail Shuttle - Big Sandy Lodge (finish) to Pinedale – 2 hrs 3 mins**

# Let's Backpack !!

## Green River Lakes Trailhead – Roundtop Mountain









# Granite Park Above Beaver Park



# Camp At Beaver Park, Day 1 – 10.5 miles





# Day 2 – Heading Up To Trail Creek Pass – most elevation-gain day



# Summit Lake





# On The Way to Gunsight Pass



# Elbow Lake Basin; Stroud Peak In Distance





# Elbow Lake Basin & Sky Pilot Peak



Day 2 Camp – Elbow Lake Basin – 9 miles  
Highest campsite elevation – 10,800 ft.



# Day 3 – Shannon Pass Trail Junction



# Upper Jean Lake – Titcomb Needles & Mt. Henderson Beyond



# Heading Toward Freemont Crossing: Freemont Creek



# First Views Of Island Lake; Looking Toward Titcomb Basin



# Days 3 & 4 – Camp At Island Lake – 8 miles



# Mt Fremont & Mt. Jackson Behind Island Lake



# Elephant Head Peak from Island lake



# Day 4 – Side Trip Up Into Titcomb Basin





# Upper Titcomb Basin – Bonnie Pass To The Right









# Looking Back South Along Basic; We Find Mistake Lake !





# Day 5 – Views From Lester Pass – Lakes Everywhere



# Pole Creek Near Our Resupply Point – Bald Mountain Outfitters





# Angel Peak– Bald Mountain Basin



# Onward to Baldy Pass....



# Day 5 – Camp at Timico Junction - Baldy Lakes – 10.5 miles



# Day 6 – Hat Pass & Down to Rambaud Lake



# Day 6 Dinner & Campsite – Along Halls Creek 12.5 miles



# Day 7 – High Plateau Country; Divide North of The Cirque



# Hiking Past Tarn near Sheep Lake



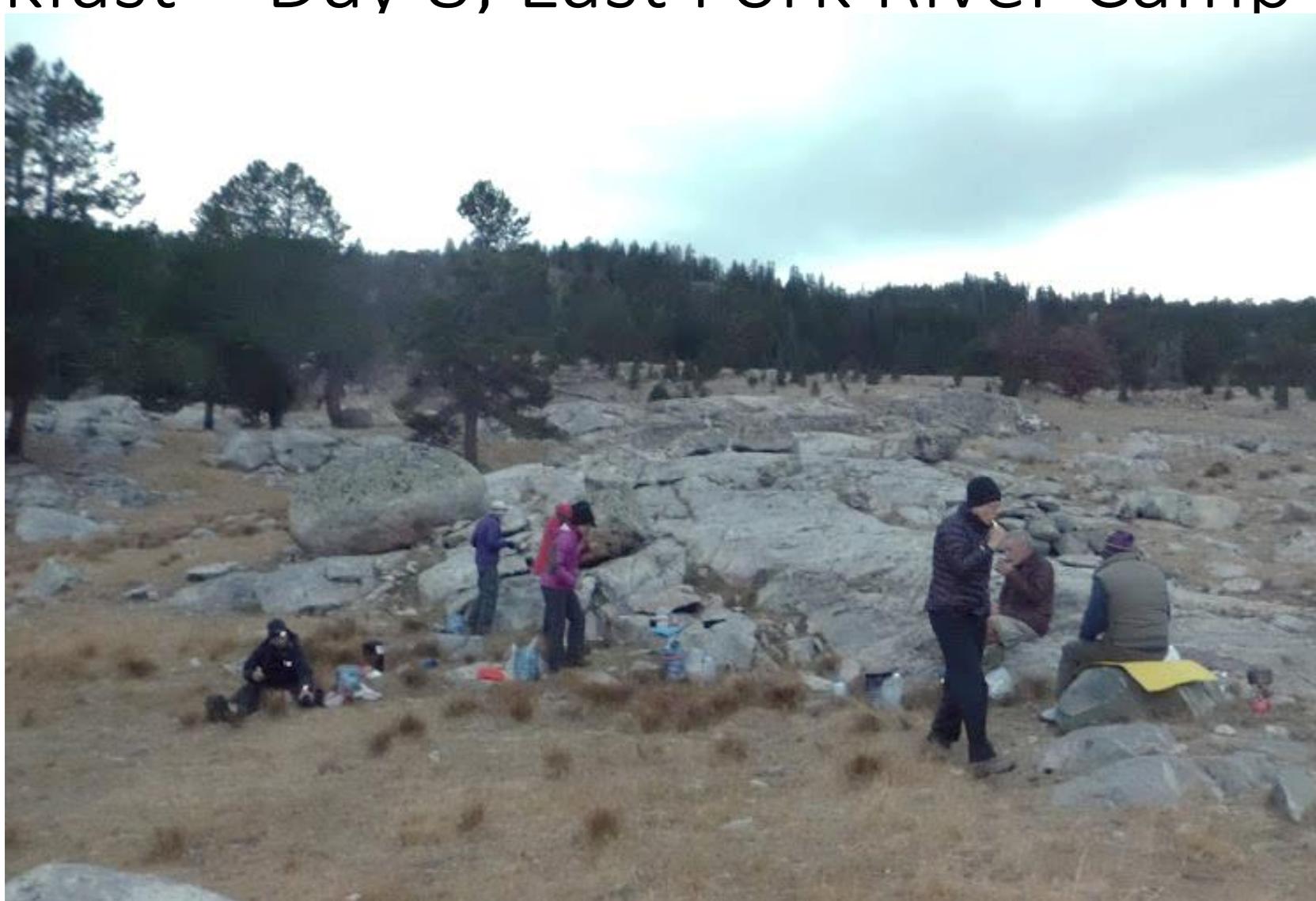
# Hiking Down to East Fork River – Washakie Pass to Left Center



# Day 7 – Camp in Meadow near East Fork River 9.5 miles, 10,000 Elev.



# Breakfast – Day 8; East Fork River Camp



# Heading Up Toward Pyramid Lakes and Washakie Pass



# Peaks Surrounding Pyramid Lake: Glissade, Tower, Hooker, Pyramid



# On the Way Up to Washakie Pass



# View Back West From Washakie Pass Trail



# First Views – East Of The Divide – Down to Macon and Washakie Lakes



# Rounding Lake Washakie In The Rain & Hail



# Crossing South Fork Little Wind River



# Day 8 – Camp At Valentine Lake – 8.5 miles, 10,399 elevation



# Day 9 – Climbing To Lizard Head Ridge & Pass



# Cathedral Peak From Lizard Head Pass



# Pushing Along The WINDY Ridge





# Top Of The Ridge – Valley Of Popo Agie River Below



# Indian Head Bench



# Bear Lake & Lizard Head Peak



# Down Toward Popo Agie River – Peaks of The Cirque Coming Into View





# Lizard Head Peak from Meadow



# The Circue In The Distance



# Bull Moose In Meadow near Lonesome Lake



# Day 9 – Camp Near Lonesome Lake – Pingora and Cirque Of The Towers In Distance













# A Sunset (Chilly) Breakfast on Day 10



# Day 10 – Hiking Up Into The Cirque – Warbonnet Peak & Warrior



# Heading Toward Cirque Lake Below Wolf's Head Peak



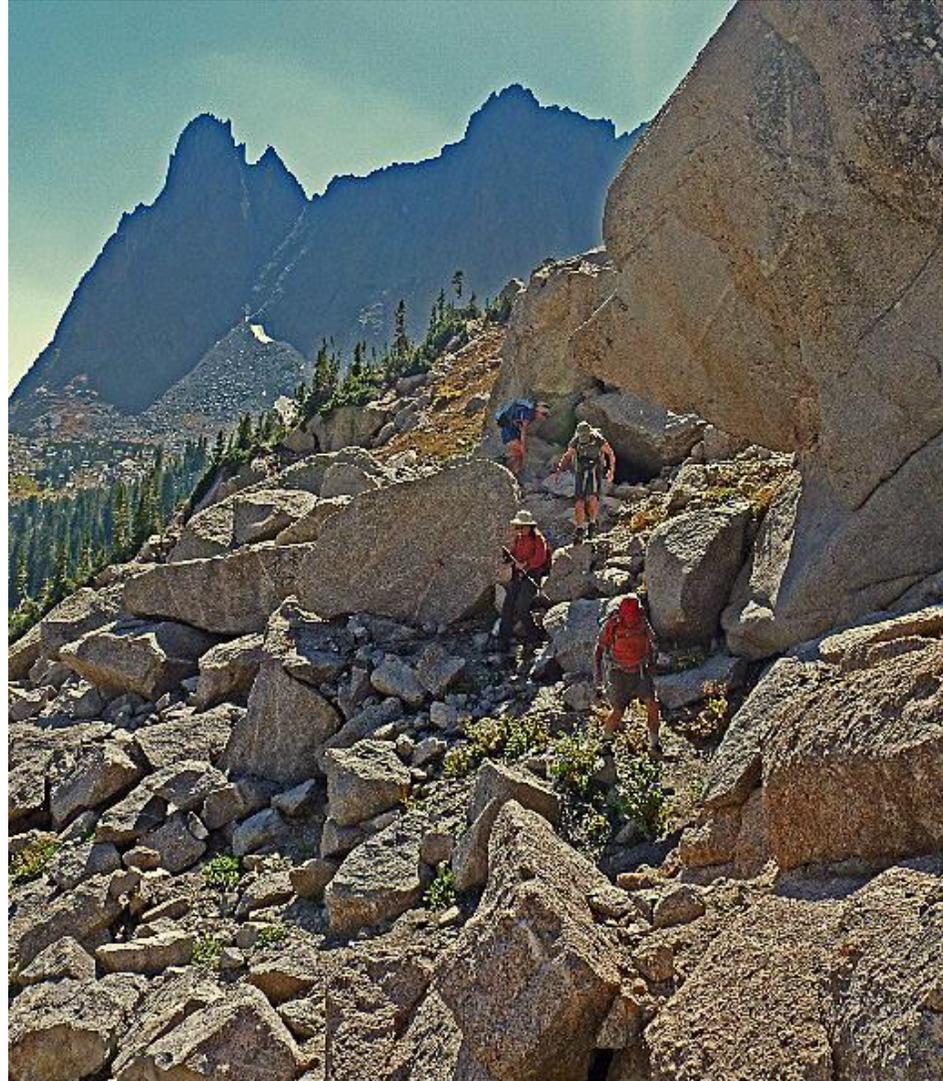




# Cirque Lake Shark's Nose In Center



# Circling Padt Pingora On Our Way To Explore Texas Pass





# Texas Pass



# Day 11 -- Climbing Out of The Cirque Over Jackass Pass, Warbonnet Peak In The Background







# Atop Jackass Pass



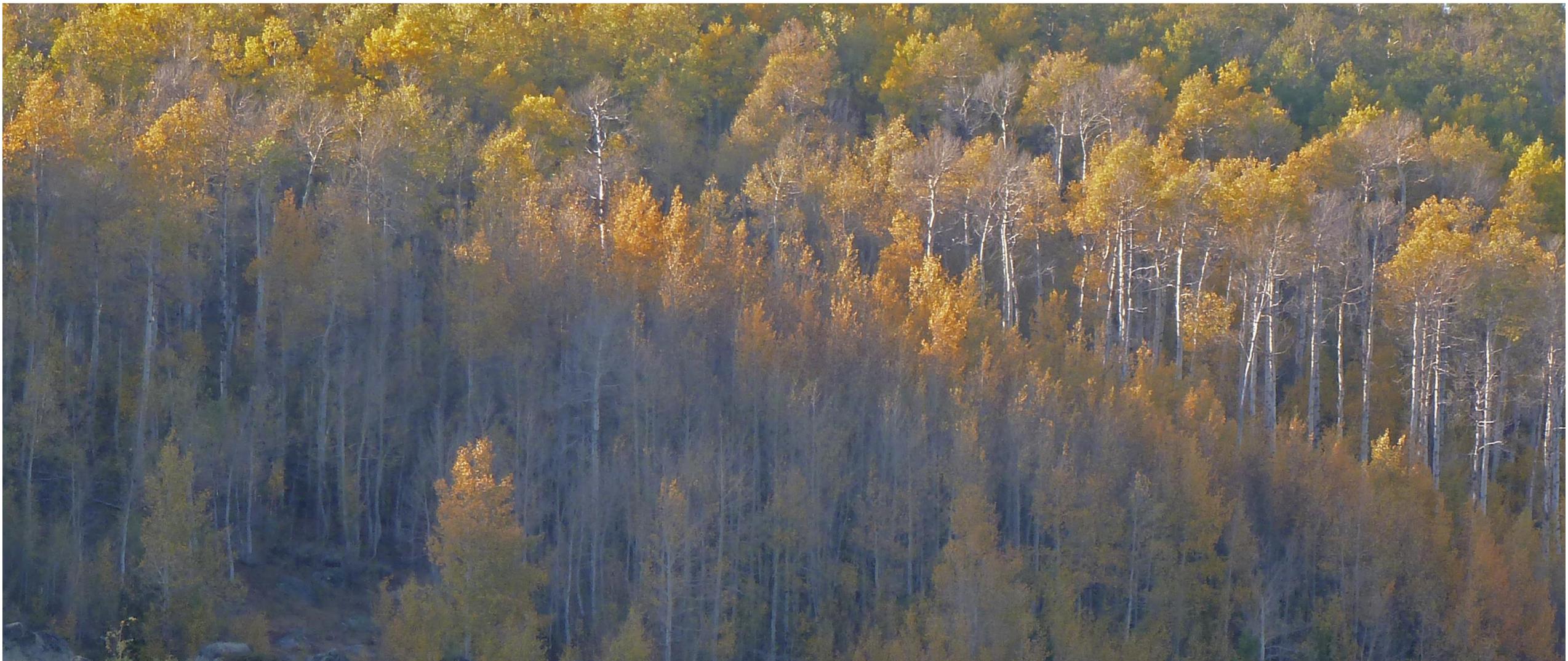
# Arrowhead Lake From Jackass Pass



# View Of Mitchell Peak over Lonesome Lake – Jackass Pass To The Right









# Big Sandy Lodge

Lodge & 10 Cabins; wood stoves in rooms; common shower room  
Cabins \$145 + \$55 additional person / night





Next up...a backpack trip on  
the Teton Crest Trail...

