

Special Town Council Meeting

October 1, 2025

8:00 AM

Town Council Chambers

Chair: Arne Jorgensen

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I. ZOOM LINK FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Letter to Federal Delegation on Potential Federal Government Shutdown (Tyler Sinclair)

IV. ADJOURN

Please note that at any point during the meeting, the Mayor may change the order of items listed on this agenda. In order to ensure that you are present at the time your item of interest is discussed, please join the meeting at the beginning to hear any changes to the schedule or agenda.

Dear honorable....

We are writing on behalf of the residents, visitors, and businesses of Jackson Hole to express strong support for the continued operations of Bridger Teton National Forest, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park. It's critical that these public lands remain open, even during a shutdown, to protect the visitor experience and sustain our local economy.

Public land closures due to shutdowns deny both visitors and locals the experience of visiting and recreating on lands managed by Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests. Even partial closures cause instability, leading to cancelled trips, lost reservations, empty hotel rooms, and reduced revenues for guides, restaurants, outfitters, and small businesses. More than 8,000 local jobs depend directly on park visitation. These losses ripple far beyond the parks, undermining the economic security of entire communities.

Visitation remains high well into September making fall one of our busiest and most economically important times. Closing parks or reducing staffing during this period sends a harmful message to potential visitors and erodes confidence in planning a trip to our region.

The long-term consequences of layoffs and service cuts are even more damaging. Reduced staffing threatens proper infrastructure maintenance, safe operation of facilities, and the provision of high-quality experiences that over three million annual visitors expect. This jeopardizes spring and summer visitation and damages the reputation of our parks as world-class destinations.

Protecting access to our treasured National Park and Forest Service lands means protecting the livelihoods of the essential employees who keep them running and the communities whose economies depend on them. We urge all parties to work with the Department of the Interior to ensure our national parks remain open and fully staffed during this uncertain time.

Thank you for your consideration. Together, we can safeguard both the visitor experience and the economic vitality of our region.