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| **Region:** | Jackson |
| **Habitat Priority Area Name:** | Big Game Crucial Habitats |
| **Habitat Area Type (s):** | **Aquatic  Terrestrial  Combined**  Sagebrush/grassland, riparian areas, and forested habitat. |
| **Habitat Values:** | Big game crucial ranges, migration routes and parturition areas. |
| **Reason Selected:** | Big game crucial ranges, parturition ranges and migration routes provide habitat components and connectivity necessary for the maintenance of populations at objective levels. |
| **Area Boundary Description:** | Boundaries of this area are the merged crucial ranges, parturition areas and migration routes with a ½ mile buffer for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, moose, and mountain goat. |
| **Focal species or species assemblage(s) (limit 6):**  **SWAP Tier 1 species:** | Bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, moose, and mountain goat.  Boreal Toad, Common Loon, Bald Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Sage-grouse, Mountain Plover, Burrowing Owl, Great Gray Owl, Townsend's Big-eared Bat |
| **Solutions or actions:** | Maintain the functionality and integrity of big game crucial ranges, migration routes and parturition areas. Seek opportunities for habitat enhancement, preservation and protection through partnerships and agreements with USFS, BLM, State Land Board and private landowners to maintain these areas. Possible actions include protecting and maintaining crucial range values through conservation easements, public/private land exchanges and federal land management agency management plans.  Habitat preservation and enhancement through management of WGFC property rights and implementation of existing management goals and objectives found in the Managed Land and Access Summaries for the WHMAs in the Jackson Region. |
| **Additional Information:** | Big Game Crucial Ranges: Crucial ranges describe the component of big game habitat that has been documented as one of the limiting factors in a population’s ability to maintain itself at a certain level over the long term. With the exception of moose and mountain goat, these ranges are designated as crucial winter or crucial winter-yearlong range.  Migration Routes: Migration routes are definable routes followed by big game during seasonal movements year after year.  Parturition Areas: Parturition areas are documented birthing areas commonly used between 5/15 and 6/30 by the female segment of a population.  Many human activities can decrease or even eliminate the functionality of these habitat components. Among these activities, rural residential development, energy development and unmanaged vehicle travel pose the largest threats to these habitat components in the Jackson Region. |
| **General land ownership and surface area:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Owner | Acres | | Bureau of Land Management | 4,088 | | Bureau of Reclamation | 86 | | U.S. Forest Service | 1,058,407 | | National Park Service | 166,718 | | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 24,619 | | Private | 76,757 | | State | 8,410 | | Water | 9,983 | | Total | 1,349,068 | |