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| **Region:** | Laramie |
| **Habitat Priority Area Name:** | Pole Mountain Watersheds |
| **Habitat Area Type (s):** | **Aquatic  Terrestrial  Combined**  Stream, riparian, aspen, willow, beaver ponds |
| **Habitat Values:** | Streams in the Pole Mountain region of the Medicine Bow National Forest are heavily influenced by beaver activity. |
| **Reason Selected:** | The headwater streams in the Pole Mountain Area provide important functions of capturing, storing, filtering, and releasing precipitation to streams on the Eastern Plains of Wyoming where many native fishes occur. The beaver ponds of Pole Mountain provide habitat for northern leopard frogs and a regionally important sport fishery. |
| **Area Boundary Description:** | Lands located within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest located in Albany County in southeastern Wyoming, between Cheyenne and Laramie. |
| **Focal species or species assemblage(s) (limit 6):**  **SWAP Tier 1 species:** | Northern leopard frog, boreal chorus frog, beaver, brook trout  boreal toad, Wyoming toad |
| **Solutions or actions:** | * Promote and seek opportunities for aspen restoration. * Manage beaver populations to maintain or restore riparian habitat function and create wetland habitats. * Promote livestock grazing management practices to maintain or restore riparian habitat function. * Seek opportunities to help reduce recreational impacts to wetland, riparian, and stream habitats. * Manage wildlife populations so that aspen and riparian and upland shrub growth is not inhibited by excessive browsing. * Apply active stream rehabilitation when necessary. |
| **Additional Information:** | Compton, R.I. and C.E. Barrineau. 2008. Pole Mountain WHAM Level 1. Wyoming Game and Fish Department Administrative Report. Cheyenne, WY.  Hayes, M.M. 2012. Alterations to riparian vegetation resulting from beaver pond life histories. Master’s Thesis. University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming. |
| **General land ownership and surface area:** | BLM: 7 ac (0%),  USFS: 55,172 ac (100%),  State: 1 ac (0%),  Private: 143 ac (0%),  Total area: 55,323 ac |