

Itinerary – IBMP Taylor Fork Fieldtrip

2 August 2017

Jointly led by

Custer-Gallatin National Forest and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Please see map reverse side. Numbers below match numbers on the map. Note that locations on the map are approximate.

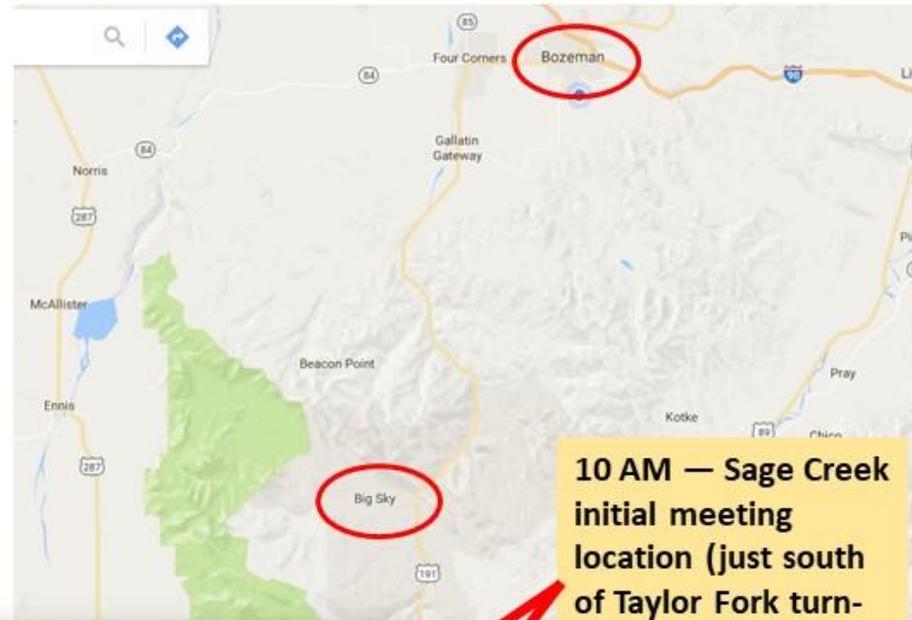
1. **10:00** – Meet at Sage Creek Trailhead - off US 191, just south of Taylor Fork Road (purpose: introductions, set objectives for the day – Mary Erickson; discuss Governor’s decision/goals – FWP/DOL/Governor’s office; discuss bison migration ecology – YNP/FWP)
2. **11:00** – Consolidate vehicles, depart trailhead to Cache – Lightning Y and return to Albino Lake Trailhead (purpose: window view of habitat, consider scale of Taylor Fork)
3. **11:45** – hike to Albino Lake and return (purpose: view and discuss potential bison habitat up close –FWP/YNP/CGNF)
4. **13:30** – depart trailhead – to 9 Quarter Circle Ranch (purpose: list and discuss challenges to bison getting to and staying in Taylor Fork, and opportunities to address those – ALL)
5. **15:30** – closeout and depart Taylor Fork (safe travels!)

****Note:** Each person is responsible for their own lunch, snacks, water, and personal gear. The CGNF will bring extra water, and its personnel will also bring bear spray. With a group this size, bear spray is not necessary for everyone**

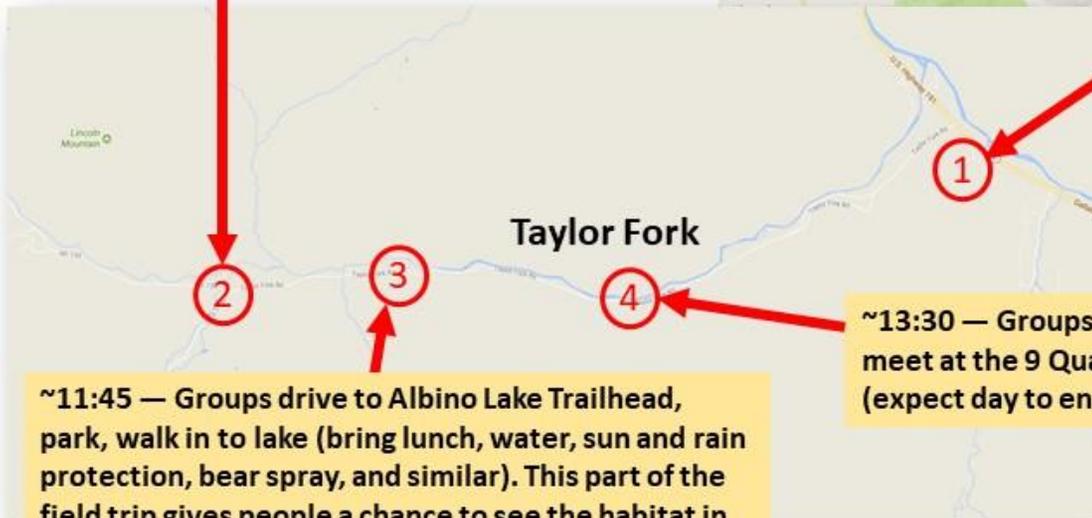
~11 AM — After Sage Creek, groups will go on driving tour to up to the “Y” junction (see map).

Do not get out when we turn around at the Y junction.

The intent of the driving tour is to look at winter and summer habitat all the way up and down the drainage...in part to get a sense of scale, as well.



10 AM — Sage Creek initial meeting location (just south of Taylor Fork turn-off)



~11:45 — Groups drive to Albino Lake Trailhead, park, walk in to lake (bring lunch, water, sun and rain protection, bear spray, and similar). This part of the field trip gives people a chance to see the habitat in question up close.

~13:30 — Groups drive to, and then park and meet at the 9 Quarter Circle Ranch (expect day to end by ~15:30)