

## **Jackson Hole Weed Management Association**

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### **4H Approves Wildlife and Habitat Club**

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**Teton County, Wyoming** - 4H has approved a Wildlife and Habitat 4H Club for students 8-19 years of age. Participants will spend most of their time in the great outdoors learning about many aspects of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The Jackson Hole Weed Management Association (JHWMA) is sponsoring the club. Members of the JHWMA including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Grand Teton National Park, Teton Science School, Bridger Teton National Forest, National Elk Refuge, Teton County Weed and Pest and many others will be planning the activities. Some activities will include: Snowshoeing for animal tracks, riding on state and federal elk feed trucks, releasing bio-control insects on noxious weeds, learning habitat monitoring techniques, using GPS, floating the Snake River to learn about its natural resources, just to name a few.

Amy Lerch, education coordinator for the Teton County Weed and Pest and wildlife biologist for the Teton Science Schools – Wildlife Expeditions will be the group leader. Amy has lived in the valley for 10 years, gaining experience in natural resources and sharing it with others. “I am really excited to take on this new adventure with the 4H and get kids thinking not only about their future but the future of this amazing place where we live,” quotes Lerch.

The first two meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2006 and Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 both at 5:30 at the UW Extension office. If you are interested in joining please call Kelly Tobul at the UW Extension office at 733-3087 for more details.