

## Highline Trail, Gros Ventre Wilderness | Solitude Monitoring Training and Hike Friday, July 5th, 2024

**Hike Description:** This stunning hike doubles as a training for solitude monitoring, the WWA citizen science project. By joining this outing, you will be equipped with the skills to contribute to one of the easiest and vital citizen science opportunities around. In order to build a robust dataset, we ask that after attending this outing you collect solitude data along the Highline Trail OR another monitoring location (email <a href="mailto:carlie@wildwyo.org">carlie@wildwyo.org</a> for other possible options) ONE additional time before the snow flies in the fall. These return collections are to be conducted on your own terms.

Please anticipate a hike that lasts all day covering approximately 8 miles with nearly 1,500-feet of elevation change. We will begin at the Granite Creek Trailhead parking lot and immediately climb to the Wilderness boundary. Please be aware that most of the elevation change occurs within the first two miles of the hike. Once through the Wilderness boundary, the trail will traverse the ridge and you can take in the stunning vistas and wildflowers!

## **Meeting Location:**

• <u>Hoback Market</u> parking lot (by the bus stop/recycling bins) at 9:00 am. We anticipate a 9:15 am departure to convoy to the Granite Creek Trailhead.

If you are confident in your ability to meet at the Trailhead, please contact us so we know to expect you there. If a registered person is not at the TH by 10:00 AM, there is a chance we will leave without them.

<u>Items Needed:</u> Be prepared for sudden changes in weather! We recommend you bring a daypack with the following:

- Water (2 liters)
- Lunch & snacks
- Many warm layers (including rain gear)
- Hat with a brim
- Sturdy high-ankle hiking boots
- Hiking poles (if you use them)
- Sunscreen

- Sunglasses
- Binoculars & camera
- Personal medication (EpiPen, inhaler, etc.)
- Signed copy of Participant Waiver (or email to Carlie before)

If you have bear spray, please feel free to bring it. Outing leaders will have some along.