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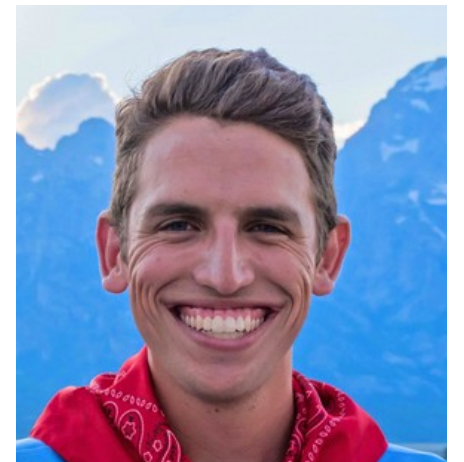
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND 2018, 5:30 PM

The Tetons are calling and we must go: Visitor use and experience at String and Leigh Lakes

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The mission of the National Park Service is to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.” To meet this dual mandate, park managers seek to better understand the intricacies of both the natural and social systems of our public lands. Grand Teton National Park supports science-based decision-making by promoting research of visitor experience and use, as well as recreation-related resource impacts. The focus of this presentation is to discuss the role of ecological and social science research in our national parks. In particular, we will discuss an ongoing collaborative study at String and Leigh Lakes, which provides an example of how park managers continue to strive toward understanding how visitors are interfacing with the natural world.



Barbecue starts at 5:30 with hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chips, salads and dessert for a \$5+ donation. The talk starts at 6:30 in the historic Berol Lodge at the AMK Ranch. Turn right when entering Leek's Marina parking lot in Grand Teton National Park.



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Biographies (see attached photos):

Jenna Baker is a Master's candidate in the Forest Ecosystems & Society Department at Oregon State University, where she studies under Dr. Ashley D'Antonio. She earned a Bachelor's degree in History from Willamette University where she was named the Mark O. Hatfield Public Service scholar for the class of 2010. Outside of school, Jenna served with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, led trail crews in the Colorado Rockies, and managed development and outreach programs for an environmental non-profit. Her research focuses on exploring new ways to integrate spatial-temporal GPS-data with social data to better understand human behavior and decision making in outdoor recreation settings.

Will Rice is a Master's candidate within Pennsylvania State University's Protected Areas Research Collaborative, where he studies under Dr. Peter Newman and Dr. Derrick Taff. He earned a Bachelors degree in Natural Resource Economics and Policy from Clemson University, becoming the institution's first-ever Udall Scholar in 2015. He has previously served as a Directorate Fellow with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Region and with the National Park Service at Wind Cave, Yellowstone, Cape Cod, Missouri River, and Grand Canyon national parks. His current research focuses on personal and social outcomes associated with public lands recreation and the impacts of protected areas' national and international significance. His projects are primarily set in large Western national parks—including Grand Teton and Death Valley—however he also has a long-standing reputation for dragging friends to national battlefields and historic sites across middle America.

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