



Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Effect

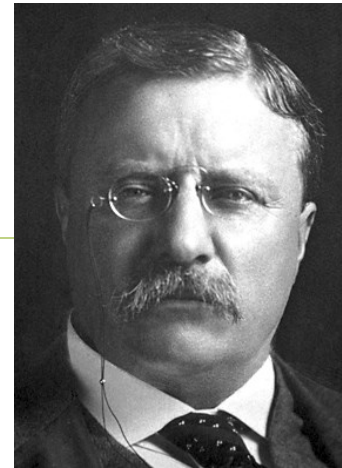
The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions until further notice. Please see map details at any Ranger Station or Visitor Center or online at: www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth

Prohibitions: Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all lands described in the order, all within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area, 36 CFR 261.52 (a) and
2. Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building, 36 CFR 261.52 (d).

This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

Forest Officials have made this decision based on the increase in human caused fires in the area. The area within the closure has significant dead and down lodgepole pine following the mountain pine beetle epidemic of the early 2000's. It is important for the public to understand the importance of making sure all fires are "cold to the touch" and cigarettes are disposed of in a manner in which they too are out.



"There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy, and its charm."

- Theodore Roosevelt



Hellroaring Fire, July 4, 2014

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Thompson Peak, Sawtooth Mountains

Road Conditions:

As we progress into drier conditions in summer, most of our Forest roads are clear to the trailheads. Roads at high elevations may be muddy or have downed trees across roads and trails in some areas. Our crews are getting to these areas as quickly as possible. If you do see access hindered by a fallen tree or avalanche, please do not continue and report it to the nearest Ranger Station or Visitor Center.

Trail conditions north of Galena Summit:

- Pettit Lake to Alice Lake: Several creek crossings, moderately high. Clear of snow. Alice to Twin Lakes: Snow on parts of trail, snow covering most campsites at Twin Lakes. Alice Lake to Toxaway: Snowy side Pass still has some snow. (7/8).
- 4th of July Creek Trail: Some snow on the trail, a few campsites free of snow. Washington Lake: lots of snow between Washington and 4th of July (7/1/14).
- Redfish Canyon: Flatrock Junction to Alpine Lake, clear of snow. Some trees down. 7/9.
- Flatrock Junction to Cramer Divide: Clear of snow to Cramer Lakes. Several large trees down. Passable for stock. Creek crossing high. (7/15). Cramer Divide: Patchy snow below 9000 ft. Snow covered above 9000 feet. Snow is punchy, use extreme caution.
- Sand Mtn. Pass: Small patches of snow, mostly clear.
- Imogene to Edith Lake Pass: Patchy snow, not recommended for stock.
- Sawtooth Lake/Iron Creek: Clear to Alpine Lake. Sawtooth Lake snow free and campsites available (7/6). Pass to McGown Lakes: snow at the very top. (7/8).
- Chamberlain Basin: Patchy snow on N. side of pass into Chamberlain Basin from 4th of July/Germania. (7/8). Germania: Maintained to Bowery Cutoff. West Pass Creek: Maintained about 4 miles. (7/9).
- Little Boulder: Maintained about 4 miles.
- Little Queens River: Trees on trail and washouts but passable to Browns Lake. (7/9)
- Queens River; Open to below 3rd river crossing. River crossings still high (7/9).



Trail conditions south of Galena Summit:

The Beaver Creek Fire Closure has been amended. The entire Beaver Creek Fire Area is now open to hiking: use caution if hiking through burned areas, as hazards such as falling snags and flash flooding exist.

Most of the trails above 9000 feet in the higher elevations still have some snow, and creek crossings are high. However, it's a great time to get out of the warmer temperatures in the valley below and enjoy the scenery.

- Harriman Trail: Clear to Galena
- Boulder Creek: Road passable a few miles by vehicle, beyond that ATV's are recommended.
- Prairie Creek: Loop is open, but not recommended for horses. Still has large trees down.
- Galena Trails: Galena's trails are accessible to hikers and Mt. Bikers.
- Titus Lake: Trail from Hwy and Galena is open and full of wildflowers.



Cherry Creek near Galena

Summer Campgrounds

The following campgrounds can be reserved at least three days in advance:

- **Wood River Campgrounds:** North Fork, Wood River Group, and Easley.
- **Alturas:** Inlet Campground, Alturas Picnic Area B and Chemeketan Group Campground.
- **Redfish:** Sunny Gulch Campground, Sunny Gulch Picnic Area, Glacier View, Outlet, Point and North Shore Picnic Area.
- **Hwy 21 Campgrounds:** Stanley Lake, Elk Creek, Sheep Trail, and Trap Ck.

The following campgrounds are first come, first served:

- **Wood River Campgrounds:** Wood River, Murdock and Caribou.
- **Alturas Lake/Pettit Lake:** North Shore (Alturas), Alturas Picnic Area A, Smokey Bear, Pettit Lake and Pettit Day Use Area.
- **Redfish:** Chinook Bay, Mountain View, Mt. Heyburn and Sockeye.
- **Stanley Lake and Hwy 21:** Lake View, Stanley Lake Inlet, Iron Creek, and Grandjean.
- **Salmon River:** All eight campgrounds are first come, first served.

Individual camping sites can be reserved as early as 180 days in advance and group sites 360 days, including picnic sites. To make reservations, call 877-444-6777 or online: www.recreation.gov. There are 33 developed campgrounds within the Sawtooth NRA. Approximately 27% can be reserved. The remainder are on a first come, first served basis.

Keep it clean to avoid bear encounters

Bears often develop a strong liking for human and pet foods. Store food in hard sided vehicles or bear-proof containers; keep sleeping areas, tents and sleeping bags free from food and food odors; and wash up, change clothes and remove all scented articles nearby before going to bed.

“A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear.”

Wild bears avoid people, but bears conditioned to human food can be aggressive and may be euthanized if problems occur.



Camping on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is any camping outside of developed campgrounds. These campsites are free and abundant throughout the Sawtooth NRA. **As of July 17th, stage one fire restrictions are in effect. This means that there are no campfires, open flames, charcoal fires allowed in dispersed camping sites. Please see the front page for more details.** We ask that you stay on existing roads (see Forest travel map) and camp in areas previously used. Pack it in, pack it out. North of Galena Summit the camping stay limit is 16 days. You must relocate more than a distance of 10 miles from the original site for 14 days. South of Galena summit the limit is 16 days and you cannot relocate anywhere in the Ketchum RD or the SNRA non-fee areas for 14 days. Along the Salmon River Corridor, the camping stay limit is 10 days. You must relocate more than a distance of 10 miles from the original site.

Wilderness 50th Events

Happy Birthday Wilderness! Join local wildlife puppet characters who have received invitations to a birthday party for wilderness. When: August 30. Time: 1:00 pm and 3:00 p.m. Where: Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, Idaho. Presented by the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association. For more information: <http://new.discoversawtooth.org>

Leave No Trace Trainers Course: Get certified to teach LNT by the LNT traveling trainers. When: September 13-14, 2014. Where: The two day course includes a classroom session at the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters Visitor Center. Exact campsite location TBA. Environmental and outdoor educators, outreach coordinators, volunteers, youth group leaders, resource managers, etc., will greatly benefit from this course. Cost is \$85 per person. Limit is 12 participants. First come, first served. For sign up and further information, contact: Gina Pearson, Leave No Trace Master Educator: gadpearson@gmail.com or 559-936-1785. www.lnt.org

Wilderness Investigations Teacher Workshop: A teacher workshop for Elementary through High School teachers. Experience subject integrated lessons and activities relating to wilderness. When: October 2 and 3rd, 2014. Where: Camp Perkins Organizational Camp on the Sawtooth NRA. Limited to 30 participants. Cost: \$50 per person and includes lodging, lunch, dinner and breakfast. Credit available through BSU. Sponsored by The Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association. For more information, contact Susan Kranz: skranz@fs.fed.us or 208-

Sawtooth National Recreation Area Contact Information

Sawtooth NRA Headquarters: M-Sat, 8:30-5:00 - 208-727-5000

Stanley Ranger Station: M-F, 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 - 208-774-3000

Redfish Visitor Center: Daily from 9:30-5:00

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Redfish Center Events: Redfish Center and Gallery and the Stanley Museum daily programs are in full swing.

The Friday Forum and Lecture Series begun.

July 18th: Scones and Scenery at the Redfish Center and Gallery.

July 19th and 20th: Annual Mountain Mamas Arts and Crafts Fair. SIHA Ice Cream Booth and Mountain Mamas Quilt Raffle (supports our Redfish Webcam year round).

Interpretive Programs: This season we have an amazing and talented team of naturalists and historians. Daily programs range from guided walks at the Redfish Center, Junior Ranger Programs, Discovery Stations, and a variety of interesting topics. We also provide evening programs at the amphitheater and Redfish Lake interpretive boat tours. Check our website for weekly schedules and program notes: <http://new.discoversawtooth.org>

Sawtooth National Recreation Area Private Lands Program

The 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area includes more than 20,000 acres of privately owned land, primarily in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin, and along the Salmon River for approximately 25 miles downstream from Stanley, Idaho. When the U.S. Congress established the Sawtooth NRA in 1972, it sought to preserve and protect the Area's *"natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and to provide for the enhancement of the recreation values associated therewith."* (Public Law 92-400). Our management goals and commitment for conservation of the landscape are governed by this law.

Fireworks are Prohibited

On all of our National Forests year-round. Even if it's "green", please practice good sense at all times by using caution with fire, smoking and motorized vehicles or equipment (spark arresters are required). Drown, stir, and check your campfire for heat with your bare hand. ALL fires must be DEAD OUT before leaving your developed campsite. Dispersed campfires are not allowed.

Firewood Permits:

Firewood permits are available. (We are open at HQ on Saturdays throughout the summer, but closed on Sundays and holidays). The minimum purchase is two cords at \$25.00, each additional cord is \$12.50, for up to 10 cords per household. There will be no free firewood this year. For more information, contact the front desk at 208-727-5000.

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