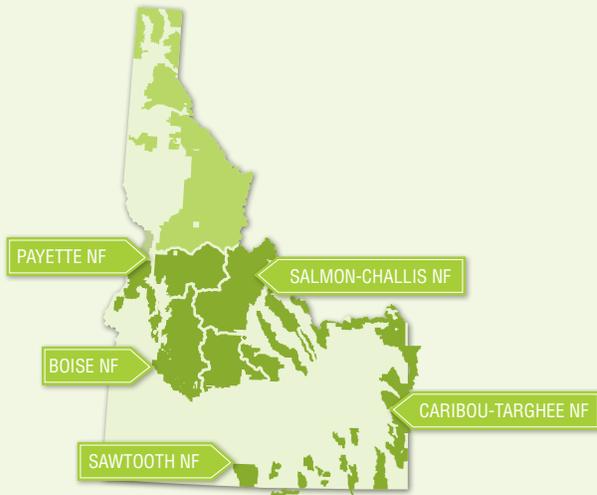


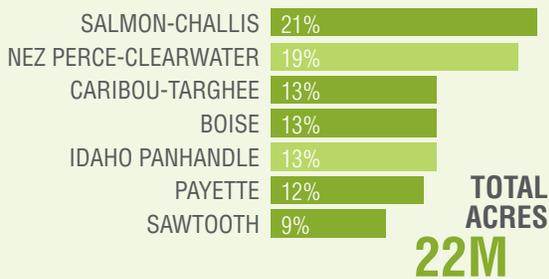
USDA FOREST SERVICE State & Private Forestry IN IDAHO

AT A GLANCE

There are 7 national forests headquartered in Idaho and five of those are located in the Intermountain Region:



ACRES OF NFS LAND



- **22M** acres of Forest Service land.
- **4M** acres of private/public land in Idaho under state protection.
- **\$1.7M** spent annually to help prevent wildfires.
- Equipment supplied to **254** rural fire-fighting departments & **\$233K** for volunteer fire fighter organizations.
- **\$10M** provided in programs that support private landowners.

The Forest Services' State and Private Forestry division is a leader in providing financial and technical support on natural resource issues to the State of Idaho, tribal and federal entities as well as private individuals.

Working from Main Street to mountaintop, the cooperative programs administered and implemented through partnerships between the Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands and other private and government entities promote the health and productivity of Idaho's forests and rural economies.

The Intermountain Region (R4) and the Northern Region (R1) combined staff resources to work as one entity to support Idaho. By merging resources, the two regions more efficiently and effectively meet customers' multiple needs. While the roles and responsibilities of SPF are numerous, they strategically focus on assisting others so all lands in the state can richly provide benefits to every citizen.

▶ SPF's Forest Health Protection division works with cooperators to distribute biological control agents for noxious weeds, such as yellow toadflax, leafy spurge, and spotted knapweed biocontrol agents. Elementary and high school students assist with post release monitoring.



Urban trees in community settings have been shown to improve health – as well as increase the aesthetics of a city. (Boise, Idaho)

▶ A forest has many pests that can decimate trees. SPF has ongoing technology developments that include testing new formulations and insecticide injection systems for controlling bark beetles, formulating a new repellent for spruce beetle and new and novel methods of pheromone deployment for mountain pine beetle that improves repellent effects. From a safety perspective, pheromone treatments are used to keep beetles away from specific trees such as those in campgrounds or at trailheads, places where people congregate.

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- ▶ Idaho has one of the most robust and successful land protection programs called Forest Legacy program which sustains natural resources and working forest in perpetuity for future generations. The program is an important tool for protecting the economic and environmental values associated with private forest lands upon which so many Idaho communities rely.
- ▶ Multiple studies in the U.S. show that having a well maintained, high quality urban forest contributes to better air quality and improved storm water management. Strategically placed trees can reduce building energy use in hot climates and reduce urban heat island effect which helps improve air quality. Promoting the role of urban forestry in community planning has increased the use of tree planting programs to meet standards for clean air and water regulations. Assessing the urban tree canopy has enabled many communities to estimate the value its trees contribute to the economy in terms of cost savings on homeowner energy costs, maintenance and repair of streets, and an associated increase in property values. Recent studies monetize health benefits and cost savings with reduced stress and higher birth weights in green areas.

Gilbert Moreno, Weed Program Manager Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, sweeps for biological control agents in a spotted knapweed infestation.



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