

INCIDENTAL USE

Harvest may occur on National Forest lands where mushroom picking is allowed, including the commercial harvest area.

No permit is required. Incidental Use allows an individual to have up to one gallon of mushrooms in their possession, with a limit of 5 gallons per season.

Mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap, and resale is prohibited.

PERSONAL USE

Harvest may occur within the Moose Fire, including the commercial harvest area.

Permittee may have no more than 5 gallons in possession at one time.

Mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap, and resale is prohibited.

PERSONAL USE PERMIT (FREE)

A Personal Use (Free) permit allows an individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day, up to 20 gallons total (per season).

PERSONAL USE PERMIT (CHARGE)

A Personal Use (Charge) permit allows an individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day, with a range of permit options: The minimum charge is \$20 for 20 gallons total. An individual may purchase additional gallons, at a cost of \$1 per gallon, up to the maximum charge of \$300 for 300 gallons total (per season).

BEST PRACTICES

- All mushroom harvesters must follow conditions of the permit, Forest regulations, and Motor Vehicle Use Map Regulations.
- Mushrooms may be harvested anywhere on National Forest System lands unless otherwise restricted. Contact your local Forest Service office when in doubt.
- Avoid streamside & wetland areas to minimize impacts.
- Permit is not valid on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands or private property.
- Practice *Leave No Trace* ethics while enjoying your National Forests. Pick up and pack out your trash and anything else you bring with you, including cigarette butts. *Littering brings a maximum fine of \$5,000.*
- Dispose of human waste and toilet paper by burying it at least 8 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water sources or open road.
- Do not block gates, roads, or interfere with the use of trails.
- If you encounter historic artifacts in the forest, treat them with respect and leave them where you find them.
- Proper identification of mushrooms is the responsibility of the harvester. Keep in mind that many forest mushroom species are poisonous!
- Mushroom guidebooks are available to assist with identification, and your local library, county extension office, and Mycological Society are valuable sources of information.

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST MUSHROOM GUIDE

Commercial & Personal Use



**Mushroom Permits can only be
purchased at the following location**

Public Lands Center
1206 S. Challis St
Salmon, ID 83467
(208) 756-5100

Archaeological Discoveries:

If you encounter artifacts, please enjoy the thrill of your discovery but treat them with respect and leave them where you find them!

Archeological resources on public lands are protected by federal historic preservation laws such as the Archeological Resources Protection Act and other statutes.

The collection, disturbance, or destruction of artifacts on National Forest System lands are prohibited activities.

Archeological resources are the material remains of past human life or activities. They may include but are not limited to artifacts such as buildings, structures, machinery, ceramics, bottles, and cans associated with activities like historic mining, logging and homesteading; and Native American objects such as projectile points ("arrowheads") and rock art. These sites, in particular, are very important to contemporary Idaho Indian Tribes.



COMMERCIAL USE

Commercial harvest is only allowed in the designated portion of the Moose Fire, see permit map.

Selling, buying, trading or bartering for mushrooms is not allowed on National Forest Lands.

COMMERCIAL USE SEASON

The commercial season runs from May 1 - June 30

COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT

A Commercial permit allows an individual to harvest mushrooms to be sold commercially or to buyers.

Commercial permits are managed by duration (consecutive days) or volume (gallons), whichever comes first.

Commercial permit options are below:

- 7 days or 20 gallon - \$20
 - 14 days or 40 gallons - \$40
 - 21 days or 60 gallons - \$60
 - 30 days or 75 gallons - \$75
 - Season-long or 100 gallons - \$100
- Please note that one individual may purchase up to three commercial permits (per season) to harvest 300 gallons of mushrooms in commercially designated areas.*

COMMERCIAL USE CAMPING

Commercial permittees camping on National Forest System lands must camp in designated commercial campsites.

Questions and Answers

Can I use my vehicle off-road to look for mushrooms?

No. Vehicles (including ATVs, UTVs or motorcycles) are not allowed off designated open Forest Service Roads and Trails.

Can I gather mushrooms for personal use elsewhere on the Salmon-Challis National Forest?

Yes. Personal mushroom picking is allowed outside of the Moose Fire Area. **Only incidental use is permitted.** Mushrooms cannot be sold or bartered.

I'm a Commercial Gatherer, where can I camp once the designated commercial campsite is full?

Additional campsites will be identified if forest officials determine that capacity has been reached.

Can I commercially gather mushrooms in areas not designated for "Open to Commercial Gathering"?

No. Commercial gathering on the Salmon-Challis National Forest can ONLY take place in areas identified on the 2023 Mushroom Map as "Open to Commercial Gathering."

Can I gather mushrooms for personal use in areas designated as "Open to Commercial Gathering"?

Yes. The Commercially designated area is open to both commercial and personal use permits.