

## A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- There are areas where mushroom picking is not allowed, such as in designated wildernesses, Research Natural Areas, or other designated non-harvest areas. Area restrictions will be explained when obtaining your permit. **BEWARE:** You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you pick. We can help you know them.
- Ask before you pick on private land. Know where picking is allowed.
- Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms.
- When camping and picking in undeveloped sites, maintain the natural beauty of the forest, and protect water sources. Leave the area you use “cleaner than you found it!”
- **Some roads have been closed to protect wildlife, sensitive land resources, provide for public safety, and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off of existing roads, though non-motorized traffic is allowed. Road closures help us maintain the healthy forest that supplies delicious mushrooms and other forest products. Please support our efforts!**
- Please do your part in taking care of this valuable natural resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.

**WARNING:** *Burned trees can easily and silently fall over. Stay away from them when it's windy.*



## LOCAL INFORMATION

No commercial harvest areas will be available on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

**Only personal-use mushroom harvesting will be allowed within the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.**

**Please note:** *you must have a permit to gather mushrooms for personal use.*

Personal-use permits are free and you can get them at any office of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These offices are in Butte, Dillon, Philipsburg, Wisdom, Wise River, Ennis, Sheridan, Whitehall, and Deer Lodge.

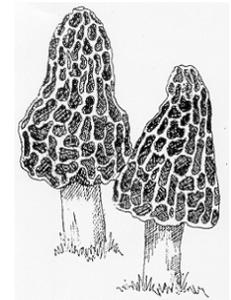
For general information about the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, visit our website at [www.fs.fed.us/r1/b-d/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/b-d/) or call (406) 683-3913, 24 hours a day.

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# MUSHROOM GUIDE

2004



**T**he fires of 2002-2003 could have a dramatic effect on mushrooms in burned areas in several national forests in Montana.

This guide will inform you about the forest mushroom policy as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

***In forested areas beware of falling snags and stump holes, especially in burned areas.***

*For more information about hazards in burned areas, contact the Wisdom Ranger Station at (406) 689-3243*

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# PERMITS, REQUIREMENTS, AND FEES

## TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

**PERSONAL USE (recreational)** allows the individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day. Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited. In the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, a permit is required, but there's no charge for it. Check with other national forests for local requirements and fees. **Note: mushrooms for personal use must be sliced in half lengthwise!**

## COMMERCIAL PERMIT FEES

**COMMERCIAL USE:** No commercial harvest will be authorized on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge this year.

## WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:

- Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground: keep a clean camp.
- Human waste must be disposed of at a minimum of 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Store food out of reach of bears.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger – never leave your campfire unattended!

- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Encounters with logging trucks are likely, even on weekends.
- Know and follow state fishing rules.
- Camp at least 300 feet away from any stream, creek, or lake.



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## KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!

It's your responsibility to properly identify mushrooms. **Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.** There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. Some national forests offer field guides for sale. Your local library, county extension office and local mycological society are good sources of information. Our word to the wise is: **WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!**

## Questions and Answers:

### Who needs a permit to harvest?

All mushroom harvesters over the age of 12.

### Where can I harvest mushrooms?

Once you have a **personal-use permit**, you can harvest mushrooms anywhere in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest unless otherwise restricted (see your permit). **Be sure to slice your mushrooms in half lengthwise.**

### Commercial harvesting

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