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As the 4th of July holiday approaches, the Salmon Challis-Forest urges anyone planning an outdoor weekend to remember a few things:

- The Forest experienced a relatively normal winter with a snow pack of over 100%. However, drought conditions still persist leaving the Forest very dry and vulnerable to fires. With the hot, dry days of summer ahead and as we near the July 4th celebration days, remember that fireworks are prohibited in national forests. Fireworks and drying grass and trees are a bad combination.
- Please be careful with campfires. Make sure they are dead out before you leave your camp.
- Access to many high-mountain lakes may still be blocked by late-season snow.
- Hiking to high peaks and hiking high-elevation trails may not be feasible until mid July.
- Bears are out and about. Keep your camp clean and store food out of reach of all animals.