WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Access signs (above) posted at the private property boundaries denote streamside access rights. Orientation signs (below) with maps are posted at key access locations.
What is Streamside Access?

The United States of America holds public streamside access rights that allow for foot travel within certain private lands along portions of the Salmon River, Smiley Creek, Beaver Creek, Pole Creek, Alturas Lake Creek, and Valley Creek.

These public access rights have been acquired within scenic and conservation easements. The easements were prescribed by Congress when the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was established in 1972. Such easements help to preserve and protect natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife resources by providing fair market value to willing landowners in exchange for reduced development potential on private land. Easements are currently held and administered on more than 80 percent of the land in private ownership within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The map at right provides an overview of these streamside access corridors and where you can find orientation signs to help you find your way.

Note that these private properties may have ongoing ranching activities, including the presence of dogs, fences, and livestock. Please respect private property and use these streamside access corridors responsibly.