

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST  
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

*Occupancy and Use*  
Food Storage

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited **annually beginning 12:01 A.M. the Saturday before Memorial Day through 11:59 on Labor Day** on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area of the Sawtooth National Forest (excluding the Sawtooth Wilderness, Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness, and Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness) shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit B (the “Described Area”):

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, unless it is acceptably stored or acceptably possessed as defined in Exhibit A. **36 CFR 261.58(cc)**
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof, unless it is acceptably stored or acceptably possessed as defined in Exhibit A. **36 CFR 261.58(s)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Persons in possession of a state-issued black bear hunting license who are placing black bear baits in a manner that complies with Idaho State law and regulations.
3. Any Federal or State officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.
4. Any member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe member engaged in the exercise of rights under the Fort Bridger Treaty of 1868 or other Treaty rights.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety and wildlife by minimizing adverse interactions between bears and humans.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be effective on the Saturday before Memorial Day, 2022 at 12:01 and shall remain in effect until the end of Labor Day, 2027 at 11:59 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A list of Definitions (Exhibit A) is attached and made part of this Order. Unless otherwise defined in this Order, the terms in this Order are defined in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.
3. A map identifying the Described Area (Exhibit B) is attached and made part of this Order.
4. Any violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559(a)(7), 3571(b)(6), 3581(b)(7).]
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the following: Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters located approximately eight miles north of Ketchum, ID on State Highway 75, (208) 727-5000; the Stanley Ranger Station located approximately three miles south of Stanley, ID on State Highway 75, (208) 774-3000; or the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID, (208) 432-7500.

Done at Jerome, ID this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

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Sawtooth National Forest

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

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Definitions – Food Storage

1. "Food and Refuse" means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) or refuse, which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also, includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested bird, fish or mammal, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.
3. "Acceptably stored" means:
  - a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program. A container may be certified by the local district ranger or their designated representative(s) if it meets the IGBC criteria, or
  - b. Stored in a closed, hard-sided vehicle constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, would not allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
  - c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
  - d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
  - e. Stored by other methods as per the terms and conditions of a Forest Service approved special-use authorization or operating plan.
  - f. Animal carcasses are considered acceptably stored when located more than 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or a NFS Trail or stored according to methods outlined in (a)-(e) above.
4. "Acceptably possessed" means:
  - a. Possessed or attended by a person who is awake, alert, and within 100 feet and line-of-sight of the items; or
  - b. Possessed or attended by such a person(s) for the purpose of field dressing lawfully taken animal carcasses, transporting any food or animal carcass, preparing any animal carcass or food for eating, or eating any food.
5. "Camping/sleeping area" means NFS lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.