

INCIDENTAL USE

Harvest may occur on Northern Region Forest Service lands where mushroom picking is allowed, including commercial harvest areas.

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

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

PERSONAL USE

Harvest may occur on Northern Region Forest Service lands where mushroom picking is allowed, including commercial harvest areas.

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.

Permits will be offered at any Forest Service Office managing mushroom activity.

PERSONAL USE PERMIT (FREE)

A Personal Use (Free) permit allows an individual to pick up to 5 gallons (12.5 Lbs.) of mushrooms per day. A maximum of 20 gallons (50 Lbs.) can be harvested per season.

Personal Use permits are valid through September 30, 2022.

In 2022, in response to the National Emergency due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Personal Use Mushroom permits will be issued free of charge.

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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.
- ◆ Many harvest areas border private lands. Be respectful of adjacent private lands and do not enter without permission.
- ◆ 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 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water sources or open road.
- ◆ Comply with local food storage regulations (Reference Forest Food Storage Order).
- ◆ 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 guide books are available to assist with identification. Your local library, county extension office, and Mycological Society are valuable sources of information.



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2022 Northern Region Mushroom Guide



Morel mushrooms often fruit prolifically in the years after an area has been burned by wildfire. In 2021, a significant amount of Forest Service lands in the Northern Region were effected by fire; a bountiful mushroom crop is anticipated.

Mushrooms are considered a forest product. Various types of permits, both personal use and commercial use, may be required for collection. Please review this brochure or scan the QR code below for detailed information regarding Northern Region mushroom harvest opportunities and regulations.



<http://bit.ly/r1mushrooms>



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Beaverhead - Deerlodge **National Forest**

Commercial Harvest Opportunities

Trail Creek Fire

Local Unit: Wisdom Ranger District

Commercial Camps: Some camps may not be available until dry ground conditions exist.

- NFSR 106 one mile west of Hogan Cabin (T1N, R19W, Sec. 25 NW¼)
- End of NFSR 1297 (T2S, R18W, Sec. 4 NE¼)
- Jct. NFSR 081 & Trail 3114 (T2S, R19W, Sec. 24 NW¼)
- Jct. NFSR 943 & 1275 (T2S, R17W, Sec. 34 NE½)
- Jct. NFSR 624 & 7366 (T3S, R17W, Sec. 22 SW¼)

Haystack Fire

Local Unit: Butte Ranger District

Commercial Camp: No commercial Camps established on National Forest Land due to proximity to Boulder, MT.

Offices selling commercial permits

Wisdom Ranger District

Commercial Permits sold for the Trail Creek Fire Area only - 1 day/week.

Mondays 8:00AM - 4:30 PM - MST
300 Forest Service Rd 71233
Wisdom, MT 59761
(406) 689-3243

Butte Ranger District

Commercial Permits sold for the Haystack Fire Area only - 1 day/week.

Wednesdays 8:00AM - 4:30 PM - MST
1820 Meadowlark
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-2147

Additional offices selling commercial permits

Bitterroot National Forest

Darby - Sula Ranger District

Commercial Permits sold for the Trail Creek Fire Area only - 1 day/week.
Tuesdays 8:00AM - 4:30 PM - MST
712 North Main St.
Darby, MT 59829

2022 COMMERCIAL USE

OPPORTUNITIES & REGULATIONS

2022 Commercial harvest is only allowed in designated areas on the Beaverhead - Deerlodge and Kootenai National Forests.

Visit the mushroom webpage or contact offices listed on this brochure for maps and information.

COMMERCIAL USE SEASON

Kootenai NF: April 25 to June 30.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF : May 23 to 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 weight (gallons/lbs), whichever comes first. Commercial permit options are below:

- ◆ 7 days or 20 gallons / 50 lbs will cost \$20
- ◆ 14 days or 40 gallons / 100 lbs will cost \$40
- ◆ 21 days or 60 gallons / 150 lbs will cost \$60
- ◆ 30 days or 75 gallons / 187.5 lbs will cost \$75
- ◆ Season-long or 100 gallons / 250 lbs will cost \$100

Please note that one individual may purchase up to three commercial permits (per season) to harvest a combined 750 pounds / 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 and possess a camping permit.

Camping permits will only be issued by the local units identified for each commercial harvest area.

Camp locations can be found by contacting your local Forest Service office or by visiting the mushroom webpage.

Commercial camping permits are \$20/individual and required for all commercial mushroom permit holders intending to camp on Forest Service lands. Permit not required for anyone under 12 years of age.

Kootenai **National Forest**

Commercial Harvest Opportunities

South Yaak Fire

Local Unit: Three Rivers Ranger District

Commercial Camp:

Nosecum gravel pit on the NFSR 752.

The Burnt Peak fire area, as well as other previous fire areas, are open for *personal use mushroom harvesting only*.

Offices selling commercial permits

Supervisor's Office

31374 US Highway 2
Libby, MT 59923
(406) 293-6211

Open: Monday -Friday
8:00AM—4:30PM -MST

Three Rivers Ranger District

12858 US Hwy 2
Troy, MT 59935
(406) 295-4693

Open: Monday -Friday
8:00AM—4:30PM -MST