

A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- ✓ You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you harvest.
- ✓ Permits must be in permittees' possession while harvesting and transporting mushrooms. Copies are not allowed.
- ✓ All sales are final and payments are not subject to refund.
- ✓ Regardless of whether or not mushrooms are harvested by the permittee, permits will expire at midnight on the specified date of termination.
- ✓ Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms. Use a knife to cut the mushrooms or break the stem off at ground level.
- ✓ Leave the area you use "cleaner than you found it!"
- ✓ Some roads have 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.
- ✓ Please do your part in taking care of this valuable natural resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- ✓ To minimize the spread of noxious weeds it is highly recommended to wash your vehicle/ATV before entering National Forest Land.
- ✓ Please be mindful of land ownership boundaries. Except for tribal members, mushroom gathering is not authorized on Nez Perce Tribal lands.

Forest Directory

Supervisor's Office
903 3rd Street
Kamiah, ID 83536
208-935-2513

Grangeville Office
104 Airport Road
Grangeville, ID 83530
(208) 983-1950

Salmon River Ranger District
304 Slate Creek Road
White Bird, Idaho 83554
(208) 839-2211

Red River Ranger District
300 American River Road
Elk City, Idaho 83525
(208) 842-2245

Moose Creek Ranger District
831 Selway Road
Kooskia, Idaho 83539
(208) 926-4258

North Fork Ranger District
12730 Highway 12
Orofino, Idaho 83544
(208) 476-4541

Lochsa Ranger District
502 Lowry
Kooskia, Idaho 83539
(208) 926-4274

Powell Ranger District/Lolo Visitor Center
21200 Highway 12
Lolo, Montana 59847
(208) 942-3113

Palouse Ranger District
1700 Highway 6
Potlatch, Idaho 83855
(208) 875-1131

Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests

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COMMERCIAL MUSHROOM HARVESTING GUIDE



This guide will help to inform you about the forests' commercial mushroom harvesting policies. It also offers some general information about mushrooms.

Commercial harvesting permits are available at all ranger district offices on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. Permits will be sold only during regular business hours.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS, FEES AND REQUIREMENTS

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

A commercial harvesting permit allows an individual to collect an unlimited number of mushrooms during the 2016 harvest season. The cost of a seasonal commercial harvest permit is \$100.00. **The permit is valid from the date of purchase until July 31, 2016.**

A commercial harvest permit is *required* and must be in possession when collecting and/or transporting mushrooms.

WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:

- Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- 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. Drive slowly and stay alert.



Additional forest information is posted at:
www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater

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KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!

Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from National Forests. Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the harvester. ***Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.*** There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. Some national forests offer field guides and books for sale. Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. Correctly identifying edible mushrooms is critical, especially if you plan to sell your harvest. Our word to the wise is: ***WHEN IN DOUBT... LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!***

Questions and Answers:

Who needs a permit to harvest?

Each commercial harvester over the age of 12 is required to obtain a permit. Minors, ages 12-17 are required to have the permit cosigned by a parent, guardian, or sponsoring adult.

Where can I use my commercial permit?

A total of three large burn areas have been set aside for commercial mushroom picking on the Lochsa and Moose Creek Ranger Districts. These are the only places that commercial harvesting is allowed. Maps of harvesting areas are available at Forest offices.

Will I have to share my harvesting area with others?

Please note that, while commercial harvesting is restricted to designated areas, only, personal use picking is not limited to specific locations. This may result in an overlap of use and activity.

Good luck and stay safe!!