

## A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- ◆ There are areas where mushroom picking is not allowed. Any area restrictions will be explained when obtaining your permit. You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you pick. ***We can help!***
- ◆ Picking may be allowed on private land, but get permission first before entering private lands.
- ◆ Know where picking is allowed.
- ◆ Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms.
- ◆ When camping **and** picking in undeveloped sites, please do your part to maintain the natural beauty of the forest, and protect water sources. Leave your area “cleaner than you found it!”
- ◆ Please be aware that human activities, camping, cooking, etc. can attract bears in to your area. It is your responsibility to ask about Wildlife Food Storage Special Orders that may exist in your area.
- ◆ Some roads have been closed to provide for public safety, protect wildlife, sensitive species and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off of existing roads, though non-motorized traffic is allowed.
- ◆ Road closures help us maintain healthy forests that supply delicious mushrooms and other forest products. *Please support our efforts!*
- ◆ Practice good harvesting-consider using a mesh bag, as the mesh allows the mushroom spores to return to the ground and “reseed”!



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# MUSHROOM GUIDE

# 2016



The fires of 2015 could have a dramatic effect on the population of mushrooms in burned areas across the Northern Region of the Forest Service.

This guide will serve to inform you about the forest mushroom policy as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

*In forested areas beware of falling snags and stump holes, especially in burned areas.*

*For more information about hazards in burn areas, contact your local Ranger District office.*



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# PERMITS, REQUIREMENTS, AND FEES

## DO I NEED A PERMIT?

### **INCIDENTAL FREE USE- PERMIT NOT NEEDED**

An “incidental” amount is defined as five gallons or less. Neither adults, nor minors are required to have permits. **Allows the individual to have only one gallon of mushrooms in their possession per day and a limit of five gallons per season.** Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited. All incidental use mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap.

### **PERSONAL USE PERMIT (FREE) REQUIRED**

Allows the individual to pick up to 20 gallons or 50 pounds per season. Each person over the age of 12 is required to obtain a free use permit if they are gathering more than the “incidental” amounts described above. Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited. All incidental use mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap.

### **COMMERCIAL USE: NOT AUTHORIZED**

Mushroom harvesting for commercial use is *not authorized at this time* on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. In order to distinguish personal or incidental use from commercial collecting, mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap before leaving the harvest area.



# WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:

- ◆ ***Pack it in, Pack it out.***
- ◆ Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- ◆ Human waste must be disposed of at a minimum of 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- ◆ Removal and proper disposal of pet waste is required.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Understand the fishing regulations as several fishing areas are catch and release only.



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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 guide books available to assist with identification. Some national forests offer field guides for sale. Your local library and county extension offices are good sources of information. You may also visit the North Idaho Mycological Society [www.nicon.org/nima](http://www.nicon.org/nima) for more information.

## Questions and Answers:

### ***Why are permits required for personal use?***

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is requiring mushroom harvesting permits in order to appropriately manage mushroom harvesting activities, monitor use, and protect resources.

### ***Who needs a permit to harvest?***

Each person over the age of 12 is required to obtain a free use permit if they are gathering more than the “incidental” amounts described.

### ***Where can I harvest mushrooms?***

Mushrooms may be harvested anywhere in your National Forest unless otherwise restricted (see guide and permit). Each Ranger District will have specific information on any restrictions.

