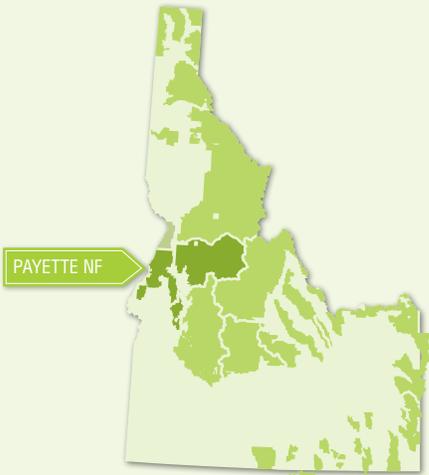


## INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

# PAYETTE National Forest

### AT A GLANCE

Located entirely within Idaho, the Payette National Forest shares lands with Adams, Idaho, Valley, and Washington Counties.



TOTAL ACRES ON  
THE PAYETTE  
NATIONAL FOREST

2.3 M

- **Ranger Districts:** Council, Weiser, New Meadows, McCall and Krassel.
- **Wilderness:** Gateway to the Frank Church River of No Return
- **Hells Canyon:** The deepest river gorge in North America.
- **Recreation:** The Payette National Forest has it all, from desert environments to vast mountainous primitive areas, there is something for everyone.

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The 2.3 million acre Payette National Forest is bordered by two of the deepest canyons in North America. The Salmon River Canyon defines its northern boundary and the Hells Canyon of the Snake river borders its western boundary. The Forest also includes a portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

The Payette National Forest is known for its winter recreation, dispersed camping, and river based recreation opportunities. Recreation on the Forest also includes hiking, backpacking, horse and trail bike riding, motorcycle and ATV riding, camping, hunting, fishing, rockhounding, canoeing, kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, and alpine skiing on two developed ski areas.

The Forest has emphasis areas in recreation, timber, mining, and wildlife. The Payette National Forest offers over 2.3 million acres for visitors to enjoy. Everything from the deep recesses of Hell's Canyon to peaks reaching elevations of almost 9,500 feet.

The Forest was selected to provide the 2016 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. For more than 50 years, a tree has graced the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol, and since 1970, a national forest has been selected to provide the honored tree. Through involvement from people across the entire state, the Christmas tree has become a gift from the entire state of Idaho.

### WEISER – LITTLE SALMON HEADWATERS COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM

This is a landscape scale approach at managing an area of over 970,000 acres across three ranger districts. The project combines timber harvest, restoration of natural resources and recreation improvement activities that would improve watershed conditions and promote the development of our Ponderosa pine forest habitat. Our project is one of only a few nationally, and the only one in the Intermountain Region. This is a collaborative effort working with the Payette Forest Coalition, a local collaborative group. This group is comprised of stakeholders from a broad range of local interests including the environmental community, forestry groups, the timber industry, motorized and non-motorized recreation groups, tribes, and local and state government officials.

Thanks to the project area timber sales, Evergreen Mill added a second shift, created 35 full-time jobs and is functioning at full operational capacity. Countless improvements have been made to the natural resources in the project area and recreation facilities have been improved. This project is truly working!

THE FOREST RECEIVES ABOUT  
**230 K VISITORS**  
EACH YEAR CONTRIBUTING  
APPROXIMATELY **\$34 M**  
TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY



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