

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

SAWTOOTH

National Forest

AT A GLANCE

The Sawtooth National Forest is located in South Central Idaho and stretches 2.1 million acres. Elevations range from 4,514 feet to 12,009 feet.



TOTAL ACRES ON
THE SAWTOOTH
NATIONAL FOREST

2.1 M

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **74** campgrounds
- **1** Visitor Center
- **3** Wilderness Areas
- **4** Ski Areas
- **1,794** miles of existing trails
- **1,007** miles of trails open to motor vehicle use
- **756** miles of single track motor vehicle use trails

Encompassing 2.1 million acres of south central Idaho's landscapes, the Sawtooth National Forest is known for its primitive and semi-primitive recreation settings, resort-based recreation eco-tourism, and motorized and non-motorized winter recreation.

The Sawtooth National Forest contains major rivers that wind through the forest including: the Salmon, South Fork of the Boise, South Fork of the Payette, and the Wood River. In addition, 1,100 lakes dot the forest. Specially designated areas that highlight the unique resources of the forest include the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth Wilderness, Hemingway Boulders, White Clouds, Sawtooth Scenic Byway, Salmon River Corridor and Scenic Byway, and the Idaho Centennial Trail.

The Sawtooth National Forest has emphasis areas in recreation, vegetation management including hazardous fuels reduction and rangeland management.

The Forest is home for deer, elk, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep. Gray wolves, wolverines, black bear, salmon, and many species of birds also thrive here. Trails, campgrounds, wilderness, rivers, and scenic drives give visitors plenty of opportunities to connect with this special land.

THE FOREST RECEIVES ABOUT
2.5 M VISITORS
EACH YEAR CONTRIBUTING
APPROXIMATELY **\$340 K**
TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY



THE FOREST IS A PLACE OF INSPIRING BEAUTY AND CONTRASTING LANDSCAPES. NATIONAL FOREST LANDS STRETCH FROM THE "BASIN AND RANGE" OF NORTHERN UTAH TO THE LOFT PEAKS OF THE IDAHO ROCKIES AND HEADWATERS OF THE LEGENDARY RIVER OF NO RETURN.

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Ketchum Ranger District - Boulder Mountain Cabin

FOREST LANDSCAPE

The forest landscape has two distinct geographic units separated by the Snake River Plain. The southern reaches of the Forest host sagebrush and juniper that blend into aspen, lodgepole pine, and fir at the higher elevations.

Two-thirds of the Forest lie north of the Snake River where towering granite mountains are sliced by unfathomable rivers.

2015 SUSTAINING FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS AWARD

Salmon Falls Land & Livestock Company earned the 2015 Sustaining Forests and Grasslands External award. Regional Forester Nora Rasure presented the Henslee Family this prestigious award for their dedicated leadership which has fundamentally restored Pole Creek, for the imperiled fish species who share it within their ranch on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

CONTACT

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Above: West Pass.

Below: Fairfield Ranger District - Soldier Mountain Spring.



VISITORS

Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

REMARKABLE FEATURES

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area was set aside by Congress in 1972 to “assure the preservation and protection of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values to provide for the enhancement of the recreation values associated therewith.”

WILDERNESS

The Sawtooth National Forest is home to three Wilderness Areas, the Sawtooth Wilderness – 217,000 acres, newly designated Hemingway-Boulders – 88,079 and White Clouds – 90,841.