

2016 Greater Sage Grouse Invasive Species Management Exhibit 6: Salmon-Challis National Forest Use Regulations

These general rules apply to people visiting or working on lands within the Salmon-Challis National Forest. This list is a summary and other rules apply in some areas, such as within the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness (see Page 2).

Campsites

- Camp on mineral soil, in hardened areas if possible. Avoid wet meadows or soft grassy areas where soil compacts easily.
- Do not clear vegetation or level areas to erect tents.
- Do not cut live vegetation for use as fuel, etc.
- Before leaving camp, clean the camp area and remove all refuse. Make certain campfires are dead out.

Campfires

- Use a camp stove when possible
- Build fires in existing grills or fire pits
- Make certain campfires are dead out before leaving camp for the day.

Sanitation

- Keep all soaps and detergents out of lakes and streams.
- Wash dishes and clothes in a pot and dispose of the wastewater on rocky soil at least 200 feet from the nearest water supply.
- Bathe in the same manner.
- Locate toilets at least 200 feet from live water. Dig a hole and cover after use.
- Do not burn trash. Pack out all refuse.

Pack and Saddle Stock

- Site stock in hardened areas away from water and wet meadows.
- Lead stock to water and return to hardened area after watering.
- Forage is scarce in many areas. Pack in weed free feed, whether hay or pelletized feed.
- Do not tie stock to trees – this is damaging to tree boles and roots.

Motorized Vehicles

- Obtain a travel plan map and follow travel management rules.
- Avoid driving on soft, wet roads and trails.
- Avoid driving over vegetation (young trees, shrubs, forbs, grasses).
- Do not pioneer new routes or cut switchbacks on existing routes.

In addition to these general rules for operating on national forest system lands, there are specific rules that apply when you are working within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, the Middle Fork Salmon River corridor and the Wild section of the Salmon River corridor which begins at the Corn Creek boat launch facility and continues downstream. The river corridors are defined as extending 1/4 mile on either side of the river from its center.

These regulations are summarized below:

- Group size for land use is limited to 20 people and a maximum of 20 head of stock. (If using stock you are encouraged to use the minimum number necessary to reduce stock-related impacts to soil and vegetation.)
- Group size for private floaters with river permits is limited to 24 people.
- Camping must be a minimum of 75 feet from airstrip edges and 500 feet from either end.
- Human feces must be packed out when camping or working within the two river corridors.
- Fire pans are required for campfires or cooking fires in the two river corridors. Charcoal and ash must be packed out when working or camping within the two river corridors.
- Camping is limited to 14 days in any area or campsite within a 5-mile radius. Some campsites within the river corridors are for permit use only. Contractors are not authorized to camp at these sites unless previously authorized by the Forest Service.
- Debris or garbage, including livestock salt, must be packed out.
- Pack and saddle animals are to be ridden or led single file.

The following items and activities are prohibited:

- The use and/or possession of motorized equipment. Note, however, that the legislation that established the FC-RONR Wilderness provides for the continued use of aircraft flying in to designated landing strips in the wilderness and for the continued use of jet boats on the Main Salmon River.
- Caching or storing of equipment and personal property beyond 14 days.
- Possession of livestock salt, except in block form contained off the ground.
- Shortcutting a switchback on any trail.
- Possessing or using a wagon, cart (including game carts), bicycle or other vehicle.
- Floating the Salmon River below the Corn Creek boat launch facility or the Middle Fork of the Salmon River without a permit.
- Being publicly nude within the Salmon River corridor.
- Possessing or storing hay, straw or mulch that is not state certified as noxious weed or noxious weed seed free.