Did You Know?

Forest Service research scientists have calculated the societal value of recreation opportunities across all national forests in the United States to be $14 billion annually. They have even calculated the value of the average individual, per day for 15 recreational activities. For instance on average individuals value non motorized boating at $119 a day.

Learn more —> www.fs.usda.gov/features/understanding-value-recreation.

Our office, with the exception of mission-critical activities, is operating virtually until further notice. This means employees are teleworking and we are no longer doing any business in person. Maps can be purchased online at: https://store.usgs.gov/maps -- Annual Passes can be purchased online at: https://store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes -- Need a personal use fuelwood permit? Call 208-756-5100 or your local district office to arrange for one to be picked up or mailed to you.
Located entirely within Idaho, the Salmon-Challis NF shares lands with Butte, Custer, Lemhi, Idaho, and Valley Counties. Yellowjacket Guard Station is a historic Forest Service Ranger Station. Originally constructed in 1925 and remodeled in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the structure is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The guard station sits in the Yellowjacket Mountains within the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho. The sizable front porch awards views of the scenic mountain meadow surrounding the station. A dense conifer forest covers the mountains and a few aspens dot the landscape. Interested in stay? Hurry as the cabin has limited availability for 2021.

In April and May, crews worked on implementation of the Crane Basin Timber Stand Improvement Project in the Crane Basin area. The purpose of this project is to improve forest stand conditions and wildlife habitat by introducing fire back into a landscape that has missed historic fire return intervals. Learn more—> https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50979

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail 130 offers spring hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding near North Fork, Idaho. The seven mile trail segment between Wagonhammer and Highway 93 at Trail Gulch offers superb views of the Beaverhead Mountains and gives a glimpse of some of the country that the Lewis and Clark Expedition endured on their journey west. Recently, while working on the trail, new trail signs were installed to help visitors find their way along the route.

The Montana Big Fork High School Cave club visited the Salmon-Challis National Forest as volunteers. These adventurous youth discovered and documented remains of ancient life, cave bugs, cave formations, graffiti, and cave animals in two local caves. They developed a monitoring program that can be repeated, yearly, by local volunteers. 2021 is the International Year of Cave and Karst www.iyck2021.org

The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (CIRAC) has approved 26 projects for funding. The projects will benefit National Forest System lands and ecosystems in Butte, Custer, and Lemhi Counties. All total, the committee allocated $988,400 in project funding. The funds will support a wide diversity of projects in these counties including Youth Conservation Corps jobs, trail maintenance, terrestrial and aquatic invasive species projects, historical site improvements, fuels treatments, and road improvement and maintenance, just to name a few.

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What are your plans for the weekend? #GetOutdoors