



SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST FLEET NEWSLETTER 2020

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As Forest Service budgets continue to shrink our fleet composition will reflect proportionally the size and mission of our workforce. SCNF Fleet strives for efficiency and effectiveness and continually looks for best value in our operation.



SCNF Fleet in Salmon

FOREST SERVICE FLEET REDUCTION

Last year the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced an Agency-wide fleet reduction target of 10% by the end of FY2020 (October 1, 2020). The Forest Service (FS), with the largest fleet in the USDA, has been directed to lead this effort, mandating vehicle reductions across regions with the focus on optimizing: fleet composition, age, utilization and cost to operate. The USDA Washington office states further reductions may continue into the future. What does this mean for the Salmon-Challis National Forest (SCNF)?

- 51 vehicles were sold by the SCNF in FY2019.
- 22 more SCNF vehicles are expected to be sold by year end FY2020.
- The remaining fleet will be comprised of newer vehicles, with the majority still in their basic and powertrain warranty period. (NOTE: recall and warranty repairs must be performed by authorized dealers).

SAFETY RECALLS AFFECT FOREST SERVICE FLEET

There has been a significant increase in the number of safety recalls in recent years and the SCNF Fleet has been affected like every other fleet (with some vehicles having 5 or more recalls in a 2-3 year period). Vehicles from across the forest, including Salmon, Mackey, North Fork, Challis, Stanley and Leadore, will be brought into authorized dealers for Safety Recalls and/or any applicable Technical Service Bulletins (TSB).

Note: GSA Tire Contracts are used for tire replacement per Federal Government direction. If you need more information on GSA Tire Contracts please call the SCNF Forest Fleet.

HOW DOES SCNF ADDRESS THE MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF OUR FLEET?

Government regulations require an annual inspection is to be performed on all FS vehicles to assure they are being well maintained and in a safe condition. The SCNF performs these inspections in-house. Maintenance needs during the field season are addressed directly by the operator of the vehicle, taking into account location, issues/requirements, work needs and the operator's schedule.

WEX CREDIT CARD

FS Fleet vehicle repairs and services are paid for using the WEX card. Estimates (using an approved estimate form) from two separate businesses will be required for any repair with an anticipated cost over \$500. The SCNF Fleet Manager will be consulted for approval for any expense over \$500.

Please note:

- WEX is the only authorized card for all fleet vehicle purchases.
 - Transactions that exceed credit card limit will decline.
 - Fleet will increase the credit card limit on prior approved repairs. WEX does not have the authority to make a limit change!
 - All fleet services rendered must be paid prior to releasing vehicle.
 - No Sales Tax is to be charged for any parts, materials or services sold to the Federal Government.
 - Call the toll free number shown on the back of the WEX card if you need customer service.
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