Order Number: 0414-04-123

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Occupancy and Use
Food Storage

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited **annually beginning at 12:01 A.M. the Saturday before Memorial Day through 11:59 P.M. on Labor Day** on the National Forest System Lands described in this Order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest.

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, except as specified in the Order. **36 CFR 261.58(cc)**

2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof, except as specified in the Order. **36 CFR 261.58 (s)**

SPECIFICATIONS FOR STORAGE AND POSSESSION:

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Animal carcasses must be acceptably stored or located at least 100 yards away from any camping or sleeping area or National Forest System Trail.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Persons in the act of placing black bear baits for the lawful purpose of hunting black bears under Idaho State law and regulations.
3. Any Federal or State officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.
4. Any member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe member engaged in the exercise of rights under the Fort Bridger Treaty of 1868 or other Treaty rights.

AREA DESCRIBED: All National Forest System lands as described below:

Sawtooth National Recreation Area – Sawtooth National Forest (excluding the Sawtooth Wilderness, Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness and Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness areas).

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to minimize adverse interactions between bears and humans.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **September 6, 2021**.
2. A list of Definitions (Exhibit A) is attached and made part of this Order.
3. A Map identifying the closure Area (Exhibit B) is attached and made part of this Order.
4. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for an individual, or $10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7).]
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters located approximately 8 miles north of Ketchum, Idaho on State Highway 75; telephone number 208-727-5000, the Stanley Ranger Station located approximately 3 miles south of Stanley, ID on State Highway 75; telephone number 208-774-3000, or the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID; telephone number 208-432-7500.

Done at Jerome, ID this 6th day of 2020.

JAMES DEMAAGD

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Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

EXHIBIT A
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Occupancy and Use

Definitions – Bear Food Storage

1. "Food and Refuse" means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) or refuse, which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also, includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested bird, fish or mammal, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.
3. "Acceptably stored" means:
   a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program. A container may be certified by the local district ranger or their designated representative(s) if it meets the IGBC criteria, or
   b. Stored in a closed, hard-sided vehicle constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, would not allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
   c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
   d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
   e. Stored by other methods as per the terms and conditions of a Forest Service approved special-use authorization or operating plan.
   f. Animal carcasses are considered acceptably stored when located more than 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or a National Forest System Trail or stored per sections 3. a-e of this order.
4. "Acceptably possessed" means:
   a. Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) that is physically present and within direct sight of the accessible food, or
   b. Possessed or attended by such a person(s) for the purpose of field dressing lawfully taken animal carcasses, transporting any food or animal carcass, preparing any animal carcass or food for eating, or eating any food.
5. "Camping/sleeping area" means National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.
6. "Daytime" means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Mountain Time.
7. "Night time" means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.