

## WELCOME!



*North central Idaho is diverse, interesting and beautiful. We welcome your interest in the area. It is a pleasure to provide information to help you plan your visit. If you have questions, please contact us at any Clearwater or Nez Perce National Forest office. Addresses and telephone numbers are on the back of this brochure.*

### CAMPING

There are over 70 campgrounds available for your enjoyment. There are some length-of-stay regulations on both forests (14-day camping limit). When camping outside developed campgrounds on national forest lands, please follow these guidelines:

- Choose a site 200 feet from trails and water.
- Use existing fire grates and fire rings when building campfires. You don't need a permit for a campfire. However, when fire danger is high, there may be campfire restrictions.
- Pack out all trash, both yours and others'.
- Leave no trace of your stay.
- Bury human waste in a 6-8" "cat hole."

### PETS

In developed campgrounds, pets must remain on a leash. Outside developed campgrounds, pets should be under voice control.

### DRINKING WATER

Water from developed systems at recreation sites is safe to drink. Water from springs, lakes, ponds and streams should not be consumed without proper treatment. Because water can be scarce during dry summer months, it's a good idea to carry extra water.

### ACCESSIBILITY

It is our goal to provide access to persons with disabilities. Many of our fee campgrounds are universally accessible.

### ROAD AND TRAIL ACCESS

Many roads and trails on national forests are open to enjoy. Some modes of travel may be restricted to protect areas sensitive for big-game animals like elk. Other times, roads and trails are closed during wet weather to prevent roadbed damage and erosion. In some specific instances, certain types of travel are restricted to insure public safety. A forest travel map and access travel guide, available at Forest Service offices, will help explain these restrictions.

### WILDERNESS

Congress designated the Selway-Bitterroot, the Frank Church-River of No Return, the Goshute-Hump and the Hells Canyon Wildernesses to preserve their wild character. To help safeguard the naturalness of the Wilderness, some activities are not allowed: the use of motorized or mechanized equipment or vehicles, and the building of any structures. There are exceptions to allow quick response to emergencies and administration of the area.

### FIRE MANAGEMENT

Fire in a forested environment can be perceived as both a constructive and a destructive force. We know the destructive nature of fire, how it can destroy both structures and resources. Fire is also used to maintain forest health and improve wildlife habitat. A "wildland fire use" program allows lightning-caused fires to play out their natural role according to certain guidelines and regulations.

*Because of the high occurrence of fire in this area, hazy and smoky conditions may be encountered evenings and early mornings, especially in late summer.*

### OUTFITTED SERVICES

There are a variety of services offered by outfitters and guides for visitors who want to experience back-country recreational opportunities. For further information, contact the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association.

### SWIMMING

There are no managed swimming areas and no lifeguards. Please be careful.