

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness-Specific Regulations

Wilderness managers often need to take action to limit the impacts caused by visitor activities in order to protect the natural conditions of wilderness as required by the Wilderness Act of 1964. Managers typically implement 'indirect' types of actions such as information and education measures before selecting more restrictive measures. When regulations are necessary, they are implemented with the specific intent of balancing the need to preserve the character of the wilderness while providing for the use and enjoyment of wilderness.

The following wilderness regulations are in effect for this area. Not all regulations are in effect for every wilderness. Contact the Forest Service office for more specific information about the regulations listed.

CAMPSITE RESTRICTION - MANDATORY SETBACK FROM WATER

Campfires are prohibited at the following lakes within 1/4 mile of their shorelines: Oreamnos Lake, Upper Phyllis Lake, Surprise Lake, Buck Lake, Unnamed Lake below Queener Mtn., Lost Lakes, Sawed Cabin Lake, Upper Carpp Lake, Bear Lake, Emerald Lake, Lower Phyllis Lake, Continental Lake, Sauer Lake, Park Lakes, Unnamed Lake west of Warren Lake.

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE : 12 MEMBERS

Group size within the A-P Wilderness is limited to a maximum number of 12 people and 12 head of pack and riding stock. Pack is defined to include horses, mules, burros, llamas and goats.

MAXIMUM LENGTH OF STAY : 14 DAYS

The following are prohibited: Use of area by parties or group of the following camping or pack-outfitting equipment: any saddle, pack, or draft animal within 200 feet of Big Johnson Lake, except on designated trails or in areas designated on the enclosed map, Exhibit A, which is incorporated as part of this order. Contact Pintler R.D. for map. (406) 859-3211. Camping in an area or campsite for more than 14 consecutive days within any 45-day period. Campsite is defined as any given location and the area surrounding for a distance of 5 miles. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for more than 14 consecutive days within any 5-day period. Disposing of any debris or garbage, including excess livestock salt. This does not prohibit the destruction of combustible material by burning. Camping in the following described areas: The area between the shore of Big Johnson Lake and Trail Numbers 111.1 and 96, from the intersection of Trail Numbers 96 and 9.2 to the crossing of the Big Johnson Lake outlet stream with Trail Number 111.1 as shown on Exhibit Map, A, which is incorporated as part of this order and available from Pintler R.D. (406) 859-3211. This order was done in 1983, since then the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has gone to a 16 day limit within their portion of the A-P Wilderness. However, the Bitterroot portion of the A-P Wilderness still recognizes the 14 day limit.

MAXIMUM LENGTH OF STAY : 16 DAYS

Camping or occupancy by any person or group is limited to 16 consecutive days in one place. A person or group cannot relocate within a five-mile radius of the original site for the next 14 days. Camping equipment must be removed by the end of 16 day camping limit or the equipment may be impounded. The 16 day limit is only on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF portion of the A-P Wilderness. The Bitterroot NF portion of the A-P Wilderness still recognizes the 14 day limit.

PERMITS REQUIRED

All persons entering into the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness Area is required to fill out a self-issued free mandatory registration card. City, county, and state information will be required information. Name and street address is optional information.

STOCK FEED RESTRICTED

Only pelletized feed or certified weed seed free hay and straw are authorized within the A-P Wilderness. Hay and straw must be certified as noxious weed seed free by an authorized Federal, State, or County Officer.

STOCK USE PROHIBITED

That portion of the A-P Wilderness as described here will be closed to all stock use from April 1 to July 1 yearly to prevent resource trail damage. Beginning at Storm Lake Pass on Trail No. 41 in the NW 1/4, Section 31, T4N, R13W, thence southwesterly along the Continental Divide for approximately 19 miles to West Pintler Peak in the SE 1/4, NW1/4, Section 7, T2N, R15W, thence westerly along the Bitterroot Divide for approximately 7 miles to the NW 1/4, NE1/4 Section 32, T3N, R15W, thence northeasterly along the boundary of the A-P Wilderness area for approximately 27 miles to the SE1/4, NE1/4, Section 13, T4N, R14W, thence southerly along the boundary of the A-P Wilderness area for approximately 3 miles to the point of origin.

STOCK USE RESTRICTION - MANDATORY SETBACK FROM WATER

It is prohibited to camp with pack and riding stock within 1/4 mile of the following lakes: Sawed Cabin Lake, Oreamnos Lake, Ripple Lake. Also, possessing or using a saddle, pack, or draft animal on the Hope lake Trail #424. Reason: Trail unsafe for stock and no appropriate area to contain stock in the vicinity of the lake.

STOCK USE RESTRICTION - MANDATORY SETBACK FROM WATER : 200

FEET

Grazing, hitching, tethering or hobbling any pack or saddle livestock within 200 feet slope distance of the shoreline of any lake is prohibited.

WAGON, CART OR OTHER VEHICLES PROHIBITED

Possessing or using a wagon, cart, bicycle or other vehicle (including game carts) is prohibited.

Wilderness Permit System

A wilderness permit system has been implemented for this wilderness. This involves a mandatory permit, which does not limit use. Wilderness permit systems are implemented to collect information on use levels and patterns and as an education and information tool. People interested in visiting the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness should contact the Forest Service office for more information about this permit system, which may vary by location or time of the year