



Winter Travel Map
Boise National Forest



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Boise, ID 83709
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2180 American Legion
Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-7961

Cascade Ranger District
P.O. Box 696
Cascade, ID 83611
(208) 382-7400

Lowman Ranger District
HC 77, Box 3020
Lowman, ID 83637
(208) 259-3361

Idaho City Ranger District
P.O. Box 129
Idaho City, ID 83631
(208) 392-6681

Emmett Ranger District
Highway 16, Room 5
Emmett, ID 83617
(208) 365-7000
Garden Valley Ranger Station
(208) 462-3241

Interagency Visitor Center
1387 S. Vinnell Way
Boise, ID 83709
208-373-4007

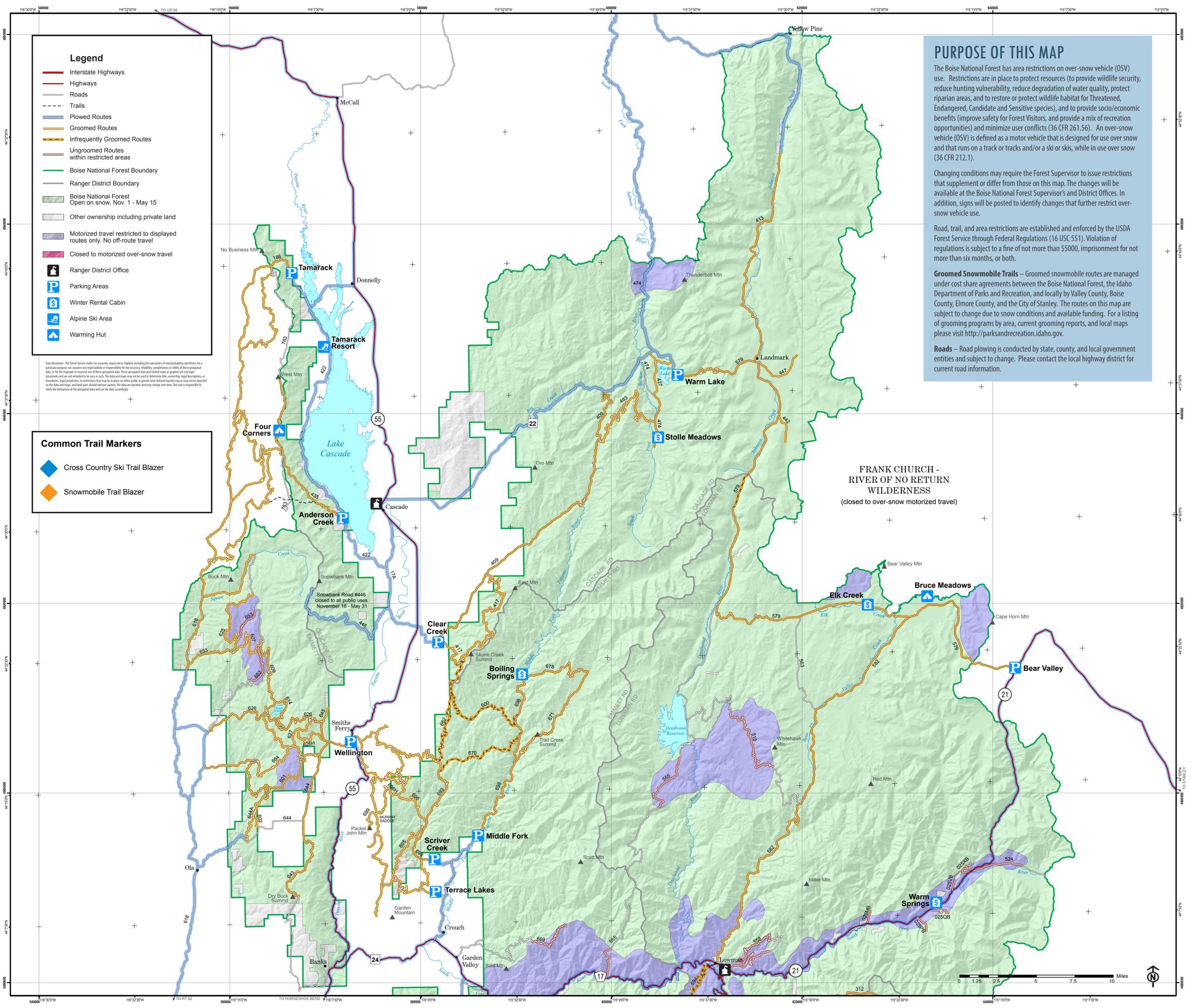
Payette Avalanche Center
208-634-0489
www.payetteavalanche.org

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911
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IDAHO SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION

Idaho State law requires that all over-snow vehicles be registered and that the registration sticker be prominently displayed. In addition all out-of-state snowmobilers are required to purchase a nonresident snowmobile user certificate. For more information on the location of the nearest vendor, call the IDPR Registration Section at 1-800-247-6332 (in state) or 208-334-4197 (out-of-state).

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Legend

- Interstate Highways
- Highways
- Roads
- - - Trails
- Plowed Routes
- Groomed Routes
- Infrequently Groomed Routes
- Ungroomed Routes within restricted areas
- Boise National Forest Boundary
- Ranger District Boundary
- Boise National Forest Open on snow, Nov. 1 - May 15
- Other ownership including private land
- Motorized travel restricted to displayed routes only. No off-route travel
- Closed to motorized over-snow travel
- Ranger District Office
- P Parking Areas
- S Winter Rental Cabin
- A Alpine Ski Area
- H Warming Hut

Common Trail Markers

- ◆ Cross Country Ski Trail Blazer
- ◆ Snowmobile Trail Blazer

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FRANK CHURCH - RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS
(closed to over-snow motorized travel)



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WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Outdoor winter recreation requires extra planning and caution to ensure a safe and pleasant trip. Be prepared! Follow these common-sense rules:

- ❗ Never travel alone! Accidents happen, and you may not be able to help yourself if you get hurt or your snowmobile breaks down.
- ❗ Plan ahead, determine a safe route, know where you are going, and stick to it. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- ❗ Always ride to the right on snowmobile trails.
- ❗ Be careful when crossing roads, always cross at a right angle to traffic.
- ❗ Don't drink alcohol and ride.
- ❗ Be familiar with your snowmobile; try short trips and practice in open areas to become thoroughly familiar with its controls and operation before going on extended trips.
- ❗ Always wear adequate winter clothing and protective gear.
- ❗ Always carry basic emergency and survival equipment including:
 - Avalanche beacon, probe and shovel
 - Waterproof matches in a waterproof container or several lighters
 - Cell phone
 - Warm hat, layers of non-cotton clothing, and warm gloves
 - Drinking water & high calorie food
 - First aid kit
 - Map, compass or GPS
 - Signal mirror
 - Plastic whistle
 - Extra drive belt, spark plugs and tool kit
 - Small flashlight with extra batteries
 - Space blanket
 - Candles
 - Knife and metal cup
 - Folding saw
 - 50 feet of ¼ inch rope
 - Tarp



AVALANCHE SAFETY

- ❗ Get smart by taking an avalanche awareness course available through Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Payette National Forest Avalanche Center.
- ❗ Check the current avalanche forecast before you head out for the day at the Payette Avalanche Center 208-634-0409.
- ❗ Identify avalanche terrain. Anything steeper than 25 degrees can avalanche, but prime time slopes are 30-45 degrees, the same slopes most of us like to play on. You don't have to be on a steep slope to make it an avalanche, you just have to be connected to it.
- ❗ Stay alert for clues to instability including recent avalanches, new snow or wind-loading, rain, whumping noise, shooting cracks, hollow-sounding snow and sign of rapid or intense warming.
- ❗ If you like to ride onto steep slopes do so one at a time with the rest of the group watching from a safe spot.
- ❗ For mountain riding and skiing, limit your groups to three or four people.
- ❗ Wear a transmitting avalanche beacon and carry a probe and shovel in a small pack on your back, not on the sled.

WINTER RECREATIONISTS CODE OF ETHICS

- ☑ Respect the rights of all winter recreationists while enjoying the beauty of your public lands.
- ☑ Respect private property and the privacy of those who live there.
- ☑ Keep to the right when meeting another winter recreationist and yield the right-of-way to traffic moving downhill. Do not block a trail.
- ☑ Slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking another.
- ☑ Pack out everything you pack in. Please don't litter.
- ☑ Avoid wildlife and view them from a distance. Try to impact them as little as possible.
- ☑ Determine speed by equipment, ability, terrain, weather, and traffic.
- ☑ Do not operate OSVs where prohibited.
- ☑ Do not operate OSVs on ski trails and slopes.

