

A GUIDE FOR AN ENJOYABLE VISIT

Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness

Middle Fork Ranger District, Salmon & Challis National Forests

In addition to general rules for national forest lands there are specific rules that apply when you are visiting the Middle Fork Ranger District portion of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. These are summarized below, however, we encourage you to contact this office before your visit to get updates on fire restrictions, access routes, and any special conditions that may exist.

- Group size for land use is limited to 20 people, and a maximum of 20 head of stock. (If using stock we encourage you to use the minimum necessary to help reduce stock related impacts.) Group size for private floaters with river permits is limited to 24 people.
- Camping must be a minimum of 75 feet from airstrip edges, and 500 feet from either end.
- Human feces must be packed out within the river corridor (1/4 of a mile on either side of river center) of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, a designated Wild and Scenic River.
- Fire pans are required for campfires, and charcoal or ash must be packed out within the river corridor (see above).
- Camping is limited to 14 days in any area or campsite within a 5 mile radius.
- Debris or garbage that cannot be burned, including livestock salt, must be packed out. (Please note, contrary to popular belief, aluminum does not burn, it simply breaks down into smaller bits; and burned plastic creates melted lumps deeper in the soil layer).
- Pack, saddle, or draft animals are to be ridden or led single file.

The following items and activities are prohibited:

- The use and/or possession of motorized equipment. Legislation which established the FC-RONR Wilderness provides for the continued use of aircraft in the wilderness and for continued use of jet boats on the Main Salmon River.
- Caching or storing of equipment and personal property beyond 14 days.
- The use of salt for the purposes of attracting wildlife.
- Possession of livestock salt, except in block form contained off the ground.
- Shortcutting a switchback on any trail.
- Possessing or using a wagon, cart (including game carts), bicycle or other vehicle. Non-motorized wheelchairs used as a necessary medical appliance are allowed.
- Floating the Middle Fork of the Salmon River without a permit.
- Being publicly nude within the Middle Fork of the Salmon River corridor.
- Possessing or storing hay, straw or mulch that is not state certified as noxious weed or noxious weed seed free.