

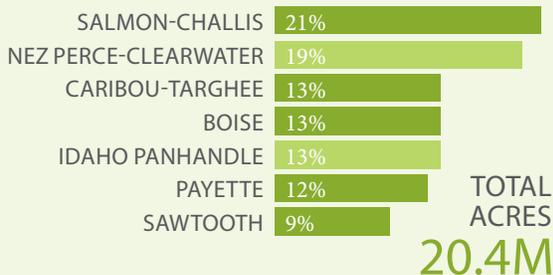
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION National Forests IN IDAHO

AT A GLANCE

There are seven national forests headquartered in Idaho, and five of those are located in the Intermountain Region.



ACRES OF NFS LAND



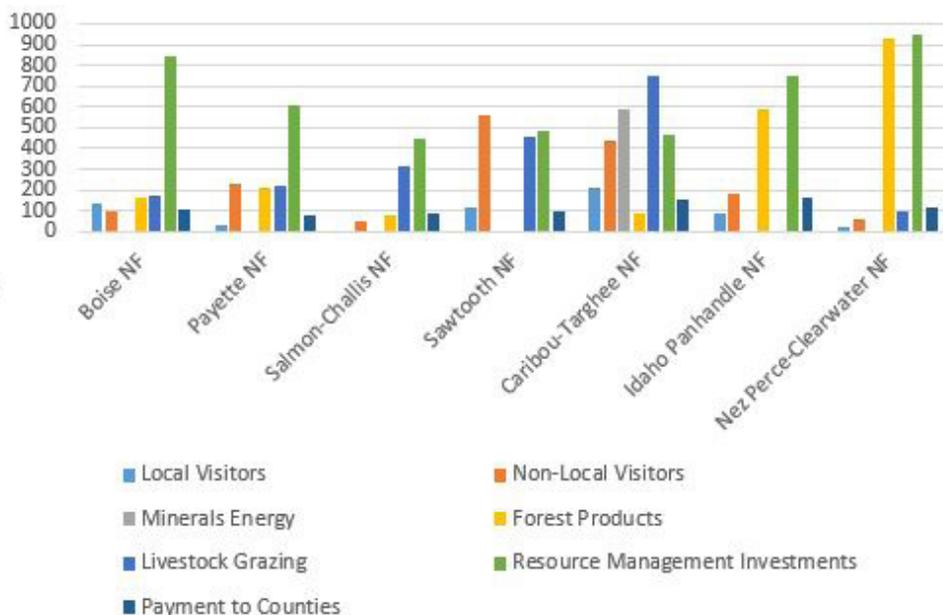
NATIONAL FORESTS: IDAHO'S NATURAL BENEFITS

National forests cover some 20.4 million acres of Idaho, approximately 40 percent of the state. The significant presence of these lands in Idaho is unmistakable. As such, they provide benefits to Idahoans and to the American people, the owners of these public lands.

The recurring and renewable resources from the national forests take many forms. They are like an annuity, but rather than just in money, the benefits also express themselves in clean air, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and freedom or escape.

Employment is the estimate of annual direct and secondary full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal jobs. In 2014, the national forests in Idaho supported more than 10,000 jobs. Another 500-1,000 jobs in Idaho are supported through Forest Service Research, the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, and the Centennial Job Corps in Nampa.

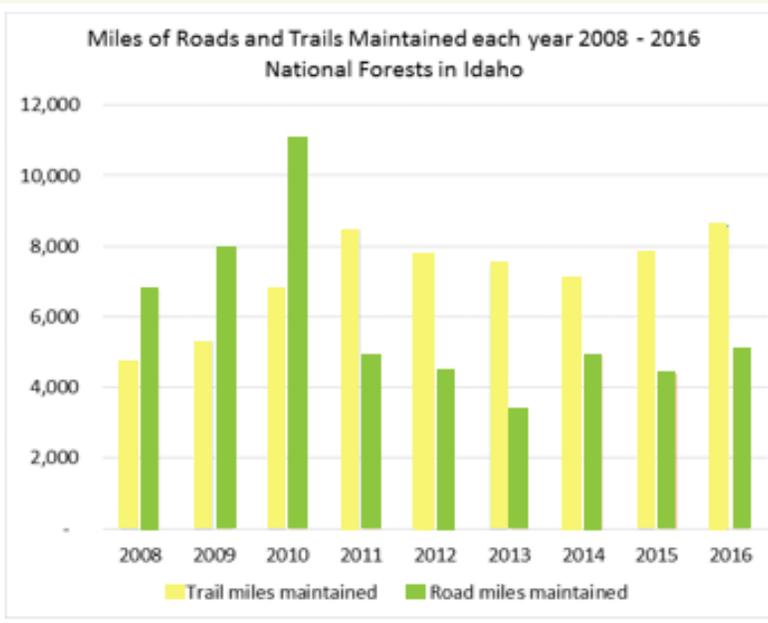
Jobs and Contributions on Idaho NF 2014



The Forest Service has a long-standing presence in the state of Idaho. Employment in the agency varies by season of the year. A snapshot in March 2016 shows approximately 2,000 employees, which rises to 3,200 in the summer. Forest Service employees live and work in 57 Idaho communities.



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Trail maintenance has gradually increased the past couple of years thanks to more volunteer labor from organizations pitching in to help keep trails clear. While funding for trails has decreased, volunteers have helped fill the gap. In 2010, road maintenance peaked due to one-time funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Idaho is home to 3 out of 23 collaborative groups for Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. (CFLRP)

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) supports communities on the ground in restoring our forests and providing all of us with clean air, water, sustainable jobs, and recreation opportunities. The Region hosts a CFLRP on the Payette, Idaho Panhandle and the Nez Perce National Forest.

The purpose of the CFLRP is to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes. Working closely with landowners and local communities to encourage collaborative solutions through landscape-scale operations, this program encourages ecological, economic, and social sustainability.

The CFLRP nationwide is expected to generate 1,550 jobs through implementation of projects and contribute \$14.5 billion annually to the economy.

Idaho National Forests: Accessible and Open 24/7

- 6.6M people visit per year. 1M of those visits are to one of the nine downhill skiing areas.
- Visitors spend \$372M annually.
- There are 389 campgrounds, 56 picnic areas, and 250 trailheads.
- Idaho national forests contain 12,838 miles of motorized trails & 10,349 non-motorized including 4,900 miles of snowtrails.
- Enjoy 7,000 miles of roads for passenger car
- Drive 13,500 miles of adventure roads for high clearance vehicles
- Hike or ride horses on 3,800 miles of Wilderness trails.

There are many ways to explore the great outdoors in Idaho; hiking, camping, driving, riding bikes or horses and winter recreation activities like skiing.

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Evergreen Mill uses 30% Forest Service Timber and provides sustainable employment to community members near New Meadows.