

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, and Priest Lake Ranger Districts

Order No. F-11-002

Occupancy and Use Restrictions

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the area displayed on the attached map that covers National Forest lands on the Kaniksu National Forest north of the Clark Fork River, Lake Pend Oreille, and the Pend Oreille River. This order applies to all National Forest system lands and facilities located and/or permitted on lands described above.

1. It is prohibited to possess or store any *food*¹ (human *food* or animal *food*, including pet *food*) or refuse EXCEPT as specified in this order from April 1 to December 1, annually (36 CFR 261.58(cc)).
2. It is prohibited to possess, store, or transport any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof EXCEPT as specified in the order from April 1 to December 1, annually (36 CFR 261.58(s)).

UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT:

In Areas Mapped as Front Country:

1. Human, pet, and livestock *food* (except baled or cubed hay without additives), garbage, and all other *attractants* (cookware/utensils, personal hygiene products) shall be stored within buildings (buildings that are secure from wildlife entry), hard-sided vehicles, or within approved *bear-resistant storage containers* (coolers are NOT bear-resistant), or other *acceptably stored* methods at all times (night and day) unless being prepared for eating, being consumed (eaten/drunk), being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage. See Attachment 'A' for definitions.
2. *Attractants* (e.g. *food* leftovers, bacon grease, animal entrails) shall not be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campfire in areas defined as *Front Country* on the attached map. They shall be disposed of in *bear-resistant garbage containers*, stored in bear-resistant storage containers or other methods of acceptably storing bear *attractants* as described in Attachment A until such time as they can be packed out of the closure area or disposed of in *bear-resistant garbage containers*.

In Areas Mapped as Back Country:

1. *Attractants* (e.g. *food*, *food* leftovers, bacon grease) shall not be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campfire in areas defined as *Back Country* on the attached map. This material along with all solid waste (non-biodegradable) will be packed out of the area. See Attachment 'A' for definitions.
2. Animal and fish entrails may be left in place in areas defined as *Back Country* on the attached map but must meet the requirements of #4 under *In Areas Mapped as either Front or Back Country* for distance from camping and sleeping areas and National Forest system trails.

¹ All italicized words in this order are defined in Attachment A.

3. Dispose of human waste and gray water in a pit or hole well away from campsites. Cover with sod or topsoil.
4. *Food* shall be *acceptably stored* when not being consumed or prepared for consumption.

In Areas Mapped as either Front or Back Country:


1. Bird feeders (liquid, suet or seed) are not allowed in the area shown on the map.
2. No person shall provide *food* of any kind to any wildlife species.
3. *Camping* or *sleeping areas* shall be established at least ½ mile from a known *animal carcass* that is on the ground or where an animal has been field dressed, skinned, or gutted, or at least 100 yards from an *acceptably stored animal carcass*.
4. Any harvested *animal carcass* shall be *acceptably stored* when located 100 yards to ½ mile of a *camping* or *sleeping area* or within 200 yards of a National Forest system trail (unless the carcass is being, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage).
5. The responsible party shall report the death and location of livestock to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery. In remote areas, where it is not possible to meet the 24 hour timeframe, the report should be made within 48 hours.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A and become effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Executed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this 29th day of September, 2011.


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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

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Attachment A - Definitions

Acceptably stored:

- Stored in a closed vehicle (hard-sided camper, vehicle trunk, or cab or trailer cab) where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry without breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed); or
- Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan; or
- Food and animal carcasses shall be suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole (required to be 100 yards from camping or sleeping area); or
- Stored in commercial bear-resistant container or electric fence certified through the **Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear-Resistant Equipment and Electric Fences for Public Lands** (<http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html>); or
- Animal carcasses are not considered acceptably stored when within 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest System Trail.
- Animal carcasses more than ½ mile from a camping area and more than 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail may be left on the ground.

Animal carcass: The dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals or any dead livestock that may be found in the area encompassed by this order. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered *food*.

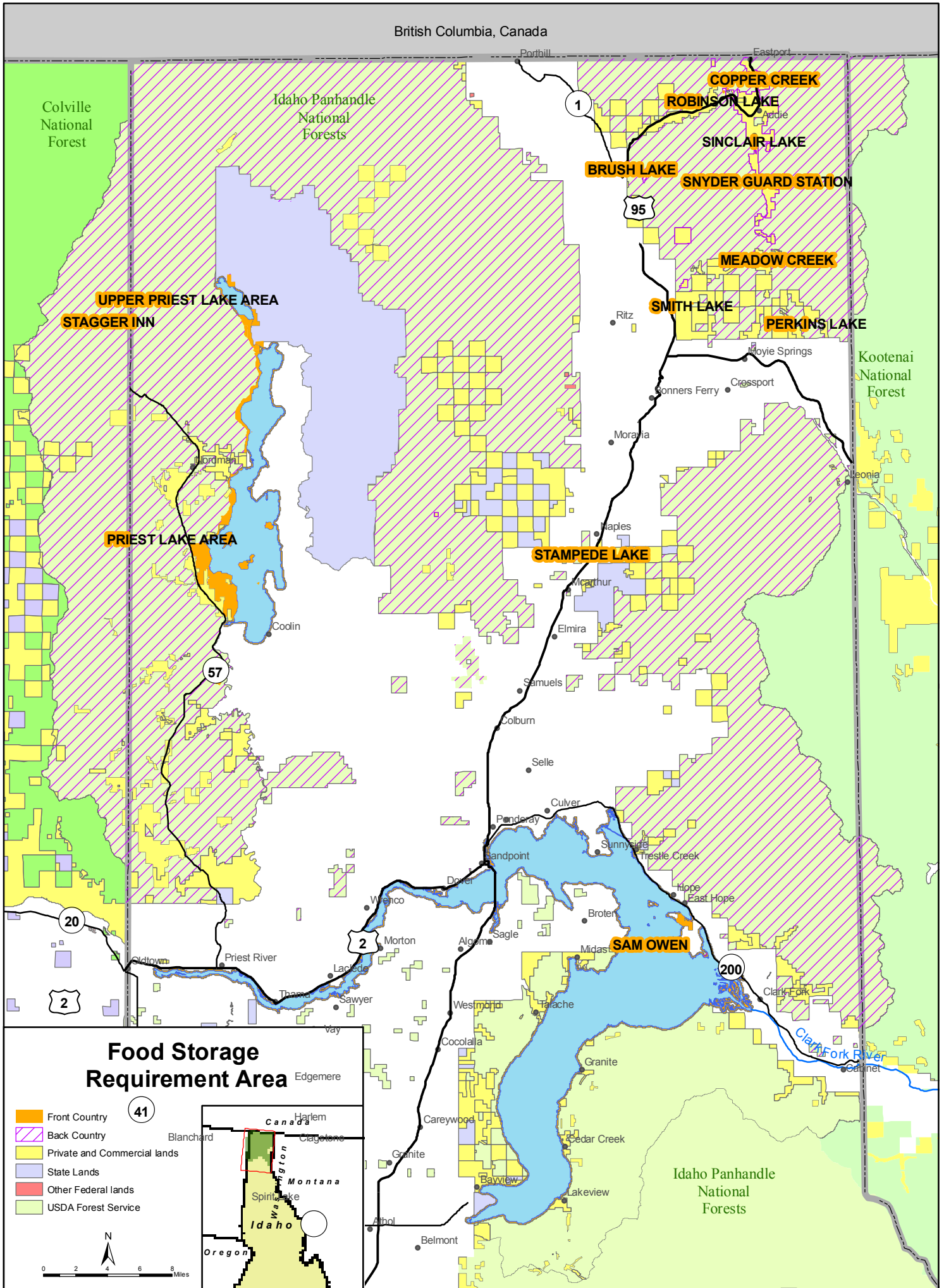
Attractant: Food (as defined below), animal carcasses (as defined above), garbage, recycling, coolers (even when empty), cookware/utensils, grills, bait (such as used in legal fishing and trapping) and other human, livestock, or pet items that emit an odor such as personal hygiene products (e.g. soap, toothpaste, lotion, bug spray). Bird feeders (liquid, suet or seed) are defined as an attractant. This definition does NOT include water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives.

Bear-resistant storage or garbage container: A securable container constructed of a solid material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact. The container, when secured and under stress, will not have any openings greater than ¼ inch that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or pulling with its claws. A bear-resistant container developed commercially must be approved by the USDA, Forest Service, Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). For commercial operations, the MTDC has an impact testing machine available to evaluate containers for strength. A list of bear resistant container distributors that have been certified by the IGBC is available in their Certified Bear Resistant Products Report located at:
http://www.igbconline.org/BEAR_RESISTANT_Oct2010.pdf

Camping/sleeping area: National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.

Food: Any substance, which includes human food or drink (canned, solid, or liquid – even in sealed containers), livestock feed (except baled hay or cubed hay without additives) and pet food.

Front Country: This area includes the following developed recreation sites: Stagger Inn, the west side of Priest Lake and Upper Priest Lake (Priest Lake Ranger District); Copper Creek CG; Robinson Lake CG and Boat Dock; Sinclair Lake Fishing Dock; Brush Lake CG and Boat Dock; Snyder Guard Station; Meadow Creek CG; Smith Lake CG and Boat Dock; Perkins Lake; and Stampede Lake (all on the Bonners Ferry Ranger District); and all acreage that makes up the Sam Owen area on the Sandpoint Ranger District.



Food Storage Requirement Area

- Front Country
- Back Country
- Private and Commercial lands
- State Lands
- Other Federal lands
- USDA Forest Service

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