

A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- There are areas where mushroom picking is not allowed, such as in Research Natural Areas or other designated non-harvest areas. Area restrictions will be explained when obtaining your permit. **BE AWARE:** You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you pick.
- Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms.
- When camping and picking in undeveloped sites, maintain the natural beauty of the forest, and protect water sources. Leave the area you use "cleaner than you found it!"
- Some roads have been closed to protect wildlife, sensitive land resources, provide for public safety, and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off of trails, though non-motorized traffic is allowed. Road closures help us maintain the healthy forest that supplies delicious mushrooms and other forest products. Please support our efforts!
- Please do your part in taking care of this valuable natural resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- Practice good harvesting!!



FOREST OFFICES



The Salmon-Challis National Forest will be issuing mushroom gathering information and permits at the following offices:

Forest Supervisor's Office

1206 S. Challis St.
Salmon, Idaho 83467
Phone: 208-756-5100
FAX: 208-756-5151

Challis/Yankee Fork, Middle Fork Ranger District

Hwy 93
Challis, Idaho 83226
Phone: 208-879-4100
FAX: 208-879-4199

North Fork Ranger District

11 Casey Rd
North Fork, Idaho 83466
Phone: 208-865-2700
FAX: 208-865-2739

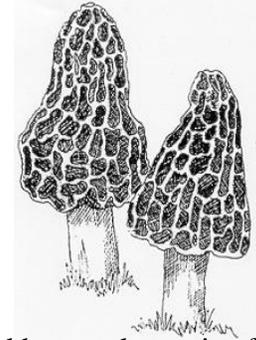
Leadore Ranger District

176 N Railroad St
Leadore, Idaho 83464
Phone: 208-768-2500
FAX: 208-768-2502

Lost River Ranger District

PO Box 507, Hwy. 93
Mackay, ID 83251
Phone: 208-588-3400
FAX: 208-588-3429

MUSHROOM GUIDE



Fires could have a dramatic effect on the population of mushrooms in burned areas across the Northern and Intermountain Regions of the Forest Service.

This guide will serve to inform you about the forest mushroom policy as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

In forested areas beware of falling snags and stump holes, especially in burned areas.

For more information about hazards in burn areas, contact your local Ranger District office.

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PERMITS AND FEES

A Mushroom Permit is required if you are 12 years or older on an annual basis to harvest mushrooms from Public lands.

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

PERSONAL USE (recreational) allows the individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day. Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at any of the listed Forest Offices. Please visit with your local Ranger District office to obtain maps and other information.

COMMERCIAL USE allows the individual to pick any quantity of mushrooms to be sold commercially or to buyers. Each commercial harvester will be required to purchase a permit and all commercial picking will be permitted only in designated areas. **At this time, there are NO Commercial permit areas.** Please visit with your local Forest Office for information about specific requirements.

CAMPING

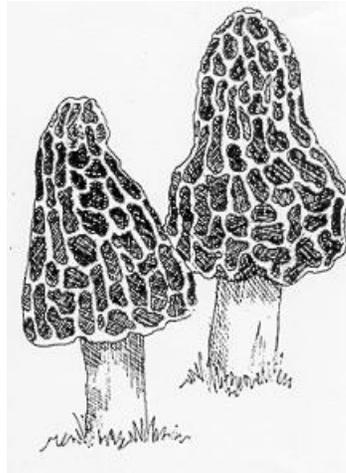
A commercial camping permit may be required for commercial harvesters. Camping in campgrounds while in the process of commercial harvest of mushrooms is restricted to designated sites. Please check with the local Forest Office for information.



WHILE ENJOYING THE
GREAT OUTDOORS,
REMEMBER:

- Pack it in, Pack it out.

- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Human waste must be disposed of at a minimum of 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Removal and proper disposal of pet waste is required.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger – never leave your campfire unattended!
- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Encounters with logging trucks are likely, even on weekends.
- Understand all fishing and hunting regulations.



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KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!

Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from National Forests. Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the

harvester. **Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.** There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. Some Forest Offices offer field guides for sale. Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. Our word to the wise is: **WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!**

Questions and Answers:

Who needs a permit to harvest?

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Where can I harvest mushrooms?

Once a permit has been obtained, mushrooms may be harvested on the Salmon-Challis National Forest unless otherwise restricted (see permit). Each Forest Office will have specific information and maps.

I bought a permit then decided not to pick.

Can I get my money back?

No. Sorry, permit fees are non-refundable.

Where can I camp while I'm commercially harvesting mushrooms?

Camping permits and information are available at each Forest Office.

