SODA SPRINGS RD,

Caribou-Targhee NFs

The Soda Springs Ranger District headquarters is located in Soda Springs, Idaho. The Caribou-Targhee National Forests, Caribou County, Caribou City, and Caribou Mountain were named after Jesse Fairchild, better known as "Cariboo Jack," one of the discoverers of gold on the mountain in 1870. He got his nickname in the gold fields of Cariboo, British Columbia. Active gold mining still occurs in this area, however, the mining emphasis has shifted to phosphate. Large deposits are located in the area, the result of an ancient inland sea. These rich phosphate deposits form the backbone for a prosperous phosphate industry in Pocatello, Idaho, and Soda Springs.

The Soda Springs Ranger District is an excellent example of the Multiple Use Management Concept that is the trademark of the U.S. Forest Service. Besides the active mining, there is a variety of other uses occurring on the District that exemplifies the idea that wise resource use is compatible with a quality environment.

The District land base of 360,000 acres provides grazing for 66,000 animal unit months of sheep and cattle. The streams on the District supply downstream water users in the Snake River Basin with high quality water. These same streams support some fine fish habitat. The headwaters of the Blackfoot River are located on the District. This river has a rating of "Outstanding Resident Fish Resource" by the Idaho Fish & Game Department.

Recreation takes many forms on the District and there is something for every user. Several large areas are closed to motorized vehicles for the enjoyment of those seeking escape from civilization in an area not formally designated as Wilderness. Other areas are open to all forms of motorized recreation for those who enjoy that aspect of outdoor recreation. The area contains some excellent terrain for winter sports, such as cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. There is an abundance of beauty in wildlife, vegetation, and mountains. The yellow and gold colors of aspen in the autumn mixed with the dark green of pines is a breathtaking sight.

There are ample opportunities to observe elk, mule deer, moose, upland game birds, and many other forms of wildlife. The endangered whooping crane resides at the Gray's Lake Wildlife Refuge which is adjacent to the Soda Springs District.

The Soda Springs Ranger District offers a variety of opportunities to take part in America's Great Outdoors.

Safety Tips

Hypothermia kills people unprepared for the cold, rain or snow. Be prepared. Remember to bring adequate clothing and protection from bad weather.

Water in some streams and lakes may be contaminated with Giardia or other dangerous bacteria. To avoid problems, boil water at least five minutes before you drink it or before you carry it with you.

When driving in the backcountry, always carry emergency equipment such as snow chains, shovels, extra clothing, food and water.

Backcountry Recreation

The Soda Springs Ranger District offers many opportunities for backcountry recreation. While enjoying these activities please remember to:

- Tread lightly
- Be careful with fire
- Keep your distance from wildlife
- Bury human waste away from water
- Pack it in, pack it out

Points of Interest

CHAMP MINE, E-7
The Champ Mine is an example of an open pit phosphate mine which can be found at several locations throughout southeastern Idaho. This mine is located in Dry Valley and several other mines can be seen from this location that are in various stages of activity. Several million tons of phosphate ore were removed from the Champ Mine and manufactured into phosphate fertilizer at the Nuwest Plant in Soda Springs. The open pit from this mining operation was backfilled to the maximum extent feasible and all waste dump areas have been or are in the process of being reclaimed. During the summer months, cattle and wildlife can be seen grazing on the reclaimed areas. This mine shows that mining can be compatible with other multiple uses when proper planning by federal agencies and industry is carried out.

CARIBOU CITY, E-4
The remnants of this historic mining town have all but disappeared from the base of Caribou Mountain, but the remains of the minerals activity that has occurred there since the late 1800's are still visible. Caribou City and several other communities in the local area were established after the discovery of gold in 1870 by Cariboo Jack and several others. The communities prospered for several years until the easy gold ran out. Gold potential still exists in the area and numerous mining claims blanket the area. Recreational gold panning is popular and the streams still produce enough color to keep up your interest.

LANDER CUTOFF TRAIL, F-5, 6
The historic Lander Cutoff Trail was used by early pioneers on their way to Oregon as an alternate route to save time. It is one of several routes used by those immigrants as they fought their way across the West. The trail was relocated and marked in honor of the bicentennial celebration in 1976. In several places along the trail, fences have been constructed to preserve the wagon wheel ruts and concrete markers have been placed to mark the route. Hardier souls should try walking the route from the mouth of Terrace Canyon to Flat Valley in order to experience some of the rigors the immigrants must have faced. More information is available from the Soda Springs Ranger District Office.

AUBURN FISH HATCHERY, G-6
The Auburn Fish Hatchery is run by the Wyoming Game & Fish Department. Various species of trout are reared there to be placed in waters of western Wyoming. Access to this interesting facility is by a good gravel road from Thayne or Afton, Wyoming. More information is available at the hatchery.

GRAYS LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGE, D-4
This wildlife refuge is home to many types of waterfowl found in the western United States but this particular refuge is noted for its whooping cranes. The whooping crane has been near extinction for several years. Wildlife biologists have been working very diligently to save this species by using sandhill cranes to hatch and rear whoopers. The program has been moderately successful in that the whooping crane population is slightly increasing. Throughout the summer months the white whooper can be seen roaming around within and adjacent to the refuge. More information is available from the Fish and Wildlife Service, located at their Gray's Lake office.

Weed Free Hay

Only hay, straw, mulch or forage products which have been certified as free of noxious weeds and seeds are allowed on National Forest lands.

General Camping Information

The Montpelier and Soda Springs Ranger Districts provide numerous opportunities for rewarding recreational experiences such as camping, horseback riding, photography, bird watching, berry picking, boating, hunting and fishing. The developed campground sites are on a first come, first serve basis. Some reservations can be made online at RECREATION.GOV, or call 1-877-444-6777.

Limits of stay are posted at each campground. Most undeveloped areas within the Forest are open to camping at no charge, however these sites may have restrictions on length of stay and food storage. Bear-proof boxes are required in some camping areas. Check with the local District Office for the most current regulations and conditions.

Recreate with Respect

To protect natural resources and your outdoor experience, we ask that you:

- **BE COOL** with fire. Build fires only in existing fire rings, stove, or grills. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving the site. Drown the fire and stir the ashes until it feels cool.
- **BE SMART** by not discharging any firearms within 150 yards of a recreation area.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE** by operating motorized vehicles only on roads and trails designated for such use. When riding through campgrounds, travel quietly and slowly.
- **BE CAREFUL** by washing dishes and yourself at least 300 feet from any streams or other water sources.
- **BE THOUGHTFUL** by always keeping your dog on a leash and out of swimming areas. Keep pack and saddle animals in authorized areas only.
- **BE TIDY** by placing trash and recyclables in containers provided for that purpose, or pack out your trash.
- **BE Quiet** between 10 pm and 6 am.

Trails

Many miles of trails exist on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Not all trails are maintained every year. All guides and outfitters need permits. Check in at District Offices or trailheads so your plans will be known in case an emergency arises.

Hunting

State hunting licenses are required. Game species include moose, elk, mule deer, black bear, small animals and game birds.

Fishing

Parts of the Caribou-Targhee are known for excellent stream fishing. Game fish include rainbow, eastern brook, brown and cutthroat trout.

Fire Information

Lightning caused fire is a natural occurrence. Fire has played a natural role in forest ecosystems and may be managed to burn naturally when management deems the risk/benefit ratio to be acceptable.

Human carelessness will always be an unacceptable cause of fire in the forest. Please help prevent unplanned wildland fire and take these few simple steps toward fire prevention:

- Consider if it is too windy or hot and dry for a campfire.
- Use existing fire rings and build campfires in a safe spots.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Always keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.
- When putting a campfire out, drown it with water and stir with a shovel.
- Completely extinguish your fire. Make sure it is cold to the touch before leaving the area.

NOTICE

Unless otherwise posted, motorized access is allowed for parking and dispersed camping within 300 feet of roads which are open for motorized use provided that no vegetation is damaged or destroyed, and streams and wet meadows are not crossed. Direct ingress and egress is permitted for firewood gathering as defined by the permit.

Recreation Site Information

Site No.	Name	Location	Season of Use	Elevation	No. of Units	Activities and Facilities	Remarks
1	TINCUP	G-4	May-Oct	5,800	5		On Tincup Creek - Highway 34
2	PINEBAR	F-5	May-Oct	6,300	5		On Tincup Creek - Highway 34
3	MILL CANYON	E-6	May-Oct	6,400	9		Near Blackfoot River. One group use.
4	GRAVEL CREEK	D-5	May-Oct	6,600	10		Group picnic area. On Gravel Creek. One group use.
5	DIAMOND CREEK CAMP	F-7	Jun-Oct	6,800	10		Also dispersed camp sites along Diamond Creek
6	TRAIL CANYON	D-7	All Year	6,900	4		Fee for group use

Recreation Symbol Key

Campground	Campfires
Picnic Area	Hunting
Restrooms	Fishing
Trailer Parking Sites	Fee Required
Drinking Water	Warming Hut

Trailheads

Site No.	Name	Location	Parking Spots	Elevation
1	WOLVERINE CREEK	E-3	20	6,300
2	MORGAN MEADOWS	E-4	10	7,400
3	TINCUP CR/TRAIL CR	E-4	5	6,800
4	JACKKNIFE/TRAIL CR	F-4	5	6,000
5	SOUTH FORK TINCUP	F-5	10	6,200
6	LANDER TRAIL	F-6	5	6,400
7	WEBSTER RIDGE	F-7	10	7,800
8	BEAR CREEK	F-7	10	7,200
9	FISH HATCHERY	G-6	5	6,400
10	DEER CREEK	G-5	5	7,500
11	TRAIL CANYON	D-7	10	6,300

TREAD LIGHTLY!

- **OBTAIN A TRAVEL MAP** from the Forest Service, or regulations from other public land agencies. Learn the rules and follow them.
- **AVOID** running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses – damaging or killing them.
- **STAY OFF** soft, wet roads and trails readily torn up by vehicles (particularly during hunting seasons). Repairing the damage is expensive.
- **TRAVEL AROUND** meadows, steep hillsides, or streambanks and lakeshores easily scarred by churning wheels.
- **RESIST** the urge to pioneer a new road or trail, or to cut across a switchback.
- **STAY AWAY** from wild animals that are rearing young – or suffering from food shortage. Stress can sap scarce energy reserves.
- **OBEY** gate closures and regulatory signs. Vandalism costs tax dollars.
- **STAY OUT** of Wildernesses. They're closed to all vehicles. Know where the boundaries are.
- **GET PERMISSION** to travel across private land. Respect landowner rights.

Future opportunities for exciting travel with your recreation vehicle are in your hands, so – TREAD LIGHTLY!

BLACK BEARS CAN BE ENCOUNTERED ACROSS THE ENTIRE FOREST. FOR YOUR SAFETY, AS WELL AS THE BEAR'S, PRACTICE "BEAR SMART" HIKING AND CAMPING.

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CHECK YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP
The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is a companion map to the one you are holding. It identifies the roads, trails and areas where motor vehicles are allowed. In general, motorized travel off of designated roads and trails is prohibited. See the MVUM for exceptions.

Forest visitors are allowed to park adjacent to any Forest road or trail where it is safe to do so, does not damage natural and cultural resources, and is not prohibited by signage. Once parked along a road or trail, visitors may engage in other motorized or non-motorized activity, including unloading OHVs for use on roads and trails where they are allowed.

The MVUM defines where motorized access to dispersed campsites is permitted. Check your MVUM to determine if it is allowed on this forest. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at the local Forest Service office or at www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/ohv_maps.shtml.

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SIGNS

The boundary of Travel Restricted Areas may be marked as shown below.

ENTERING TRAVEL RESTRICTED AREA | LEAVING TRAVEL RESTRICTED AREA

Other route signs you may encounter are:

SYMBOLS
- TWO-WHEEL MOTOR VEHICLE
- HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLE 4x4 AND PICKUP
- SNOWMOBILE
- BICYCLES
- SEDAN
- ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE

Symbol with RED SLASH indicates activity not allowed. Symbol with YELLOW SLASH indicates activity not recommended.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT POSTER
This Area is Open to: YEARLONG; WHEN SNOW IS 4" OR DEEPER; WHEN SNOW IS 12" OR DEEPER
CLOSED TO ALL OTHER USES
TO RETURN ROAD OR TRAIL TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION
TREAD LIGHTLY!

NATIONAL FOREST ROUTE MARKERS
214 — 53: Roads suitable for HIGH clearance vehicles only.
13 National Forest: Roads maintained for LOW clearance vehicles, such as passenger cars, motorhomes.

REFER TO THE MVUM FOR SPECIFIC AREA, VEHICLE & ROUTE INFORMATION.

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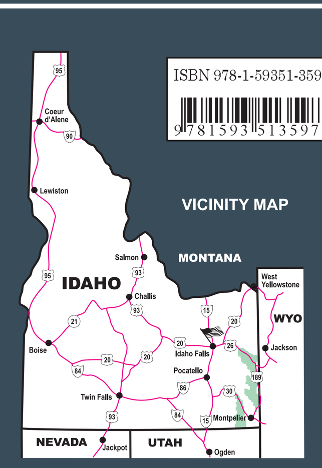

emergency phone numbers

To report a forest fire: Caribou-Targhee National Forests
Dispatch .... (208) 524-7600
Dispatch 1-800-438-8160

for more information

Call or write appropriate District offices for information regarding:

- RECREATION FACILITY INFORMATION - Campground availability, reservoir water depth reports, roads and trails status, and pertinent data such as special recreation events.
- FOREST REPORT - Availability of fuelwood, cutting permits, restrictions in force (if any), and cross-country vehicle travel information.

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LEGEND

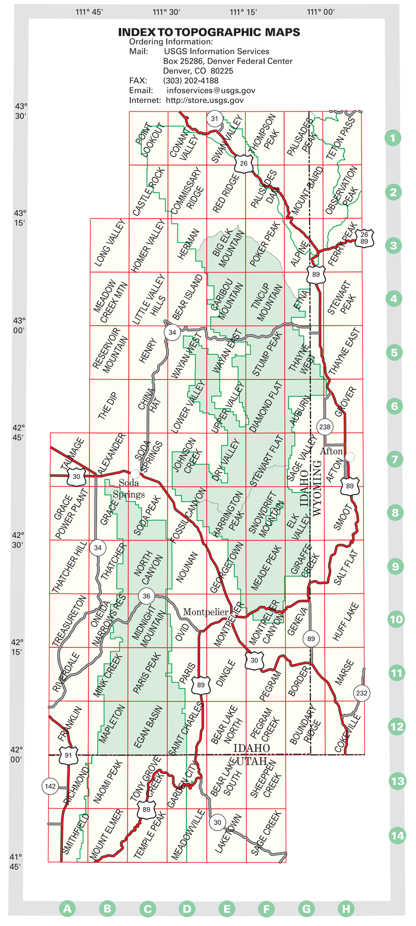
- National Forest Boundary
- Ranger District Boundary
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Wildlife Boundary
- Scenic Byway
- Highway
- Paved Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Gravel Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Dirt Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Road Not Maintained for Passenger Cars
- Trail
- National Historic or Recreation Trail
- (Surface conditions are subject to change, make local inquiry)
- Interstate
- U.S.
- State
- County
- National Forest Primary Road, Suitable for Passenger Cars
- National Forest Secondary Road, Suitable for Passenger Cars
- National Forest Road, Suitable for High Clearance Vehicles
- National Forest Trail Number
- Great Western Trail
- Forest Headquarters (Report Fires Here)
- Ranger District Office (Report Fires Here)
- Other Forest Service Facility
- National Forest Recreation Site
- Recreation Site other than National Forest
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Area other than National Forest
- Trailhead
- Warming Hut
- Point of Interest
- Horizontal Control Station
- U.S. Mineral or Location Monument
- Located or Landmark Object
- Boundary Monument
- Mine, Quarry or Borrow Pit
- Mine Shaft or Cave
- Gaging Station
- School, Church
- Spring
- Gate
- Seasonal Gate
- Barricade
- Power Transmission Line
- Caribou National Forest
- Land Administered by other National Forests
- Bureau of Land Management Land
- State Land
- State Park

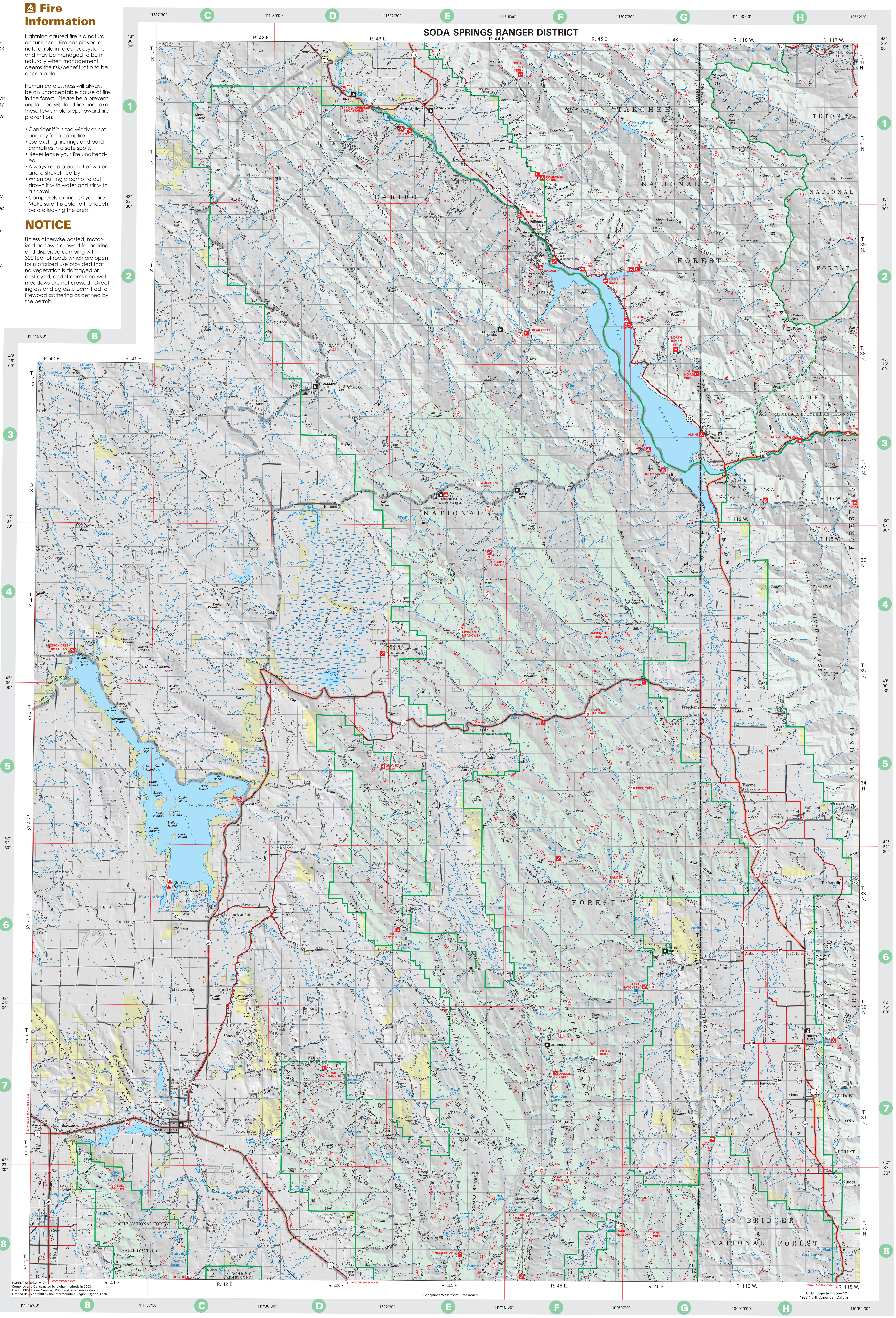
Public lands are subject to change and leasing. Local inquiry should be made before entering.

35 — Big Game Management Unit Boundary. Big Game Unit boundary locations as shown on this map are approximate at the time of printing. Consult state big game hunting regulations for official boundary locations.

BOISE & SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIANS TOWNSHIP AND SECTION LINE CLASSIFICATION

- All Surveys - Reliable, Approximate, Doubtful or Other: Township or Range Line; Section Line
- Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service Protraction: Township or Range Line; Section Line





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