

Public Lands Center Salmon-Challis National Forest and Bureau of Land Management

Personal Use Mushroom Free Use Permits – Non Commercial (Not for resale)

Permits: Are free of charge and may be obtained at Public Land Centers or any of the Ranger Districts Offices. **Contact the nearest [Forest office](#)**

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

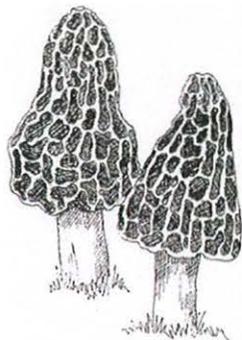
Mushrooms emerge in the spring. Lower elevation sites open first as spring weather arrives and higher elevation areas have limited access until later in the season.

Information needed to obtain a permit: To obtain a free use permit for non-commercial use the following information will be requested: name, physical address, identification number, vehicle information (year, make, model, color, and license plate number of vehicle being used), in addition to type of permit.



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Personal Use MUSHROOM INFORMATION



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 personal use 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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PERSONAL USE PERMITS AND FEES

Anyone who harvests mushrooms needs a mushroom gathering permit.

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

PERSONAL USE (recreational) allows the individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day. Mushrooms harvested under this permit must be cut in half lengthwise at the time of picking, and are not to be resold commercially. 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 commercial permit and all commercial picking will be permitted only in designated areas. Please visit with your local Public Land Office for information about specific requirements.

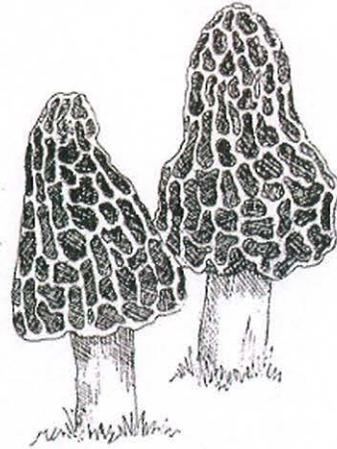
CAMPING

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.

PERSONAL USE MUSHROOMS KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!



Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from Public Lands. 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?

All harvesters over the age of 12.

Where can I harvest mushrooms?

Once a permit has been obtained, mushrooms may be harvested anywhere in Public Lands unless otherwise restricted (see permit). Each Forest Office will have specific information and maps. **Contact the nearest [Forest office](#)**



A FEW GENERAL RULES FOR HARVESTING PERSONAL USE MUSHROOMS

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!!

