

Powell Ranger District

The Powell Ranger District is located on Highway 12 and is 13 miles from the Idaho/Montana border. The district is comprised of 558,813 acres, including 191,141 acres in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

Natural resource stewardship activities center on fire management, wildlife & fisheries habitat, recreation, and vegetation management.

The Powell District and surrounding areas abound in year-round outdoor recreation opportunities. More than 500 miles of trails offer backpackers, hikers, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, and walkers plenty of variety to meet their needs. Camping sites are plentiful from developed campground to undeveloped sites. Fishermen can choose a favorite hole from over 450 miles of streams or from one of many lakes on the District, and fly fishermen enjoy the challenge of catching cutthroat trout in the 25-mile catch-and-release stretch of the Lochsa River, a designated Wild and Scenic River.

The Lolo Visitor Center located on the state line features an interpretive display room, gift shop, educational videos and local travel information.

In addition, the Powell area is rich in history and archaeology. Powell itself is located on one of the camping sites used by the Lewis and Clark expedition on their westward journey.