

NEWS RELEASE

**Sawtooth National Forest
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SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TO IMPLEMENT FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEGINNING ON JULY 17, 2014

STANLEY, ID. . . . The Sawtooth National Recreation Area will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for all National Forest System lands as described below:

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) Stage 1 Fire Restriction Area is described as including only lands within the Salmon River watershed beginning at the intersection of Galena Summit and Highway 75, located at Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Section 7; continuing Northerly along Highway 75 to the intersection of Highway 75 and the Salmon River (Buckhorn Bridge), located at Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Section 25; continuing Northerly along the Salmon River to a point in the town of Lower Stanley that is direction across the highway from the intersection of NFS Road 633 (Nip and Tuck Road) and Highway 75, located at Township 11 North, Range 13 East, Section 34; continuing Northwesterly to the junction of NFS Road 633 and Highway 75; continuing Northwesterly along NFS Road 633 to the junction of NFS Roads 633 and 653 (Stanley Creek Road), located at Township 11 North, Range 13 East, Section 30; continuing Southwesterly along NFS Road 653 to the junction of Highway 21, located at Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Section 25; continuing Northwesterly along Highway 21 to the SNRA and Salmon-Challis National Forest (SCNF) Boundary, located at Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Section 31; continuing Westerly along the SNRA and SCNF boundary to the Boise County and Custer County boundary, located at Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Section 9; continuing Southerly along the Boise/Custer County line to the intersection of the Boise County, Custer County and Elmore County lines, located at Township 7 North, Range 13 East, Section 7; continuing Southerly along the Custer/Elmore County line to the intersection of the Custer County, Elmore County and Blaine County lines, located Snowside Peak; continuing Southerly along the Blaine/Elmore County line to the intersection of the Blaine County, Elmore County and Camas County lines, located at Township 6 North, Range 12 East, Section 14; continuing Southeasterly along the Blaine/Camas County line to a point approximately 1 mile South of Bromaghin Peak (divide between Wood River, Boise River, and Salmon River Drainages), located at Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Section 31; continuing Northerly along the divide between the Salmon River and Wood River drainages to the point of origin.

Boundary Creek Stage 1 Fire Restriction Area is described as all NFS lands within 200 feet of NFS Road 212 (Boundary Creek Road) beginning at the junction of Highway 75 and NFS Road 212, located at Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Section 36 and continuing Northeasterly to the roads terminus, located at the Boundary Creek Trailhead, including all lands within 200 feet of the Boundary Creek Trailhead.

The above described Areas are located on National Forest System lands within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area within the Sawtooth National Forest, Custer County and Blaine County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all lands described in the order, all within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest beginning ***July 17, 2014*** at ***12:01 AM*** and continuing until further notice:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area, 36 CFR § 261.52(a); and
2. Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building, 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

Forest Officials have made this decision based on the increase in human caused fires in the area. The area within the closure has significant dead and down lodgepole pine following the mountain pine beetle epidemic of the early 2000's. It is important for the public to understand the importance of making sure all fires are "cold to the touch" and cigarettes are disposed of in a manner in which they too are out.

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