



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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Fire Update

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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests summary of fire restrictions and closures

General Forest – (208) 935-2513

Stage I Fire Restrictions remain in effect for the majority of Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest lands within Idaho, Nez Perce and Clearwater Counties. These provisions limit campfires or stoves to designated recreation sites, limit smoking to enclosed vehicles, and require spark arrestors on internal or external combustion engines used on national forest system lands.

Additional restrictions pertain to the Selway-Bitterroot, Frank Church-River of No Return and Gospel-Hump Wilderness areas, Palouse Ranger District and non-forest system lands west of the Forest boundary. Contact your local Forest Service office for specific information.

The Forest anticipates the localized closures to continue to change. Please contact us or visit our website for additional information.

HUNTERS: The closures remaining in place will affect portions of hunting units 10, 10A, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, and 20. Please contact the Idaho Fish and Game website (<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>), local Ranger District Office or the Nez Perce – Clearwater Forests Supervisor's Office for additional information.

North Zone

North Fork Ranger District – (208) 476-4541

Road Closures

Segments of the following roads are closed: Skull Creek Road 252, South Skull Creek Road 710.

Trail Closures

A segment of Snow Creek Trail 285 has also been closed to ensure public safety.

Scurvy Mountain Trail 524 has been closed from the junction with Road 581 to the lookout.

A segment of St. Joe Divide Trail 233 providing access to Five Lakes Butte and the Idaho Panhandle National Forest is closed.

Open Campgrounds

Open campgrounds on the North Fork Ranger District include the Aquarius, Cedars, Hidden Creek, Kelly Forks, Noe Creek, and Washington Creek. All campgrounds on the Palouse Ranger District are open.

Campground Closures

Weitas Creek Campground.

Central Zone

Moose Creek Ranger District – (208) 926-4258

Area Closure

Due to fire activity, a large area closure has been enacted on the Moose Creek and Red River Districts. It includes national forest system lands south of Coolwater Road 317 including the Selway Corridor from Lowell east to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness boundary. The Wilderness boundary forms most of the closure's eastern and southern borders.

Road Closures

The following roads and trails have been closed for public safety due to fire activity:

Selway Road 223 from O'Hara Bridge to the junction of Falls Point Road 443. Additionally, segments of 317, 443, 464, and 651.

Trail Closures

Rackliff 702, East Boyd 703, Glover 704, West Glover 705, 23 Mile 707, Gedney 708, Gedney-Glover 709, West Boyd 710, Canteen 725, and CCC 734 are closed in their entirety. Additionally, segments of Eagle Mountain 206, Big Fog Mountain 343, Simmons Ridge 610, Boundary Trail 835, Selway 4, Three Links 405, Swan Creek 421, Battle Ridge 432, Goat Mountain 444, Halfway Creek 447, Saddle Ridge 455, Meeker Ridge 458, Gateway Peak 491, Bear Creek 516, Sixty-two 606, Cupboard Creek 607, and Big Rock 693.

Open Campgrounds

There are currently no campgrounds open on the Moose Creek Ranger District

Campground Closures

Due to an area closure, the following campgrounds are closed: Boyd, CCC, Glover, Johnson Bar, O'Hara, Race Creek, Rackliff, Selway Falls, Slide Creek, Slims Camp, Twenty-five Mile Bar, Twenty-mile Bar

Lochsa-Powell Ranger Districts – Lochsa: (208) 926-4274; Powell: (208) 942-3113

Area Closure

Due to public safety concerns, an area closure has been enacted north of Highway 12 from the Forest boundary east to Wilderness Gateway Campground.

Closures have been enacted for a large area south of Highway 12. It includes Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness lands on the Lochsa and Powell Ranger Districts from Wilderness Gateway Campground east to the state line. The closure extends south to the Lochsa-Selway Divide. Access to Elk Summit, Big Sand Lake, Fish Lake, Walton Lakes and Tom Beal Park is closed. Access to Jerry Johnson Hot Springs is open. An area west of Lolo Pass in the vicinity of Granite Pass is also closed.

Road Closures

Crooked Fork Contour Road 595 is closed at Granite Pass to the end of the road. The Lolo Trail Road 500 is closed from the junction of Weitas Butte Road 557 to the junction of the Liz Butte Road 560.

Trail Closures

The following trails have been closed: Rock Creek 221, Greenside Butte 222, Army Mule 60, Saturday Ridge 89, Saturday Creek 82, Pouliot 30, Wind Lakes 24, Tom Beal Creek 7, Friday Pass 45, and Pedro Ridge 917 in their entirety. Segments of Lochsa Peak 220, Boulder Creek 211, Lone Knob 198, and Nee-Me-Poo 40 Trails are closed. Warm Springs Trail 49 is closed from the junction with Wind Lakes Trail 24 to Saturday Ridge Trail 89. Note: Jerry Johnson hot springs is still accessible.

Open Campgrounds

Open campgrounds on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District include the Apgar, Colgate Camp, Knife Edge and Wild Goose Campgrounds.

Campground Closures

Wilderness Gateway, Whitehouse, Wendover, Powell, and White Sands Campgrounds are closed.

South Zone

Salmon River Ranger District – (208) 839-2211

Area Closure

NEW - Due to the advancing Tepee Springs Fire, an area closure has been enacted south of Grangeville. Its southern border is the Salmon River. It extends north approximately ten miles and is bounded by the Forest boundary on the west and French Creek on the east. The southern segment of the Grangeville-Salmon River Road 221 is closed.

An area commonly referred to as “the island” west of U.S. Highway 95 is open.

Open Campgrounds

Open campgrounds on the Salmon River Ranger District include Castle Creek, Fish Creek, and Iron Phone Junction. In the Hells Canyon area the Windy Saddle, Seven Devils, and Pittsburg Landing Campgrounds are open.

Red River Ranger District – (208) 842-2245

Red River Complex Area Closure

NEW - An area south of Red River to the Salmon River has been closed. In general terms it extends east from Forest Road 1190 and Little Mallard Meadows east to the border of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness boundary Trail. Trail 501 is closed, Road 1190 is closed. Magruder Road 468 is closed from Red River to Poet Creek.

Baldy Fire Area Closure

To ensure public safety, an area closure has been enacted associated with the Baldy Fire which is located roughly nine miles west of Elk City. The closure applies to Roads 284, 649, and 1866; and Nellie Mountain Trail 425, Reed Mountain Trail 477, and Silver Ridge Trail 424 within the closure area.

Red River Complex Trail Closures

Segments of the following trails are closed for public safety due to fire activity:
Rainey Creek 583, Bargamin Creek 502, Cache Creek 501, Crofoot 576, and Rattlesnake Ridge 577.

Open Campgrounds

Open Campgrounds on the Red River Ranger District include American River, Bridge Creek, Crooked River, Ditch Creek, Dixie Meadow, French Gulch, Halfway House, Mackay Bar, O’Hara Saddle, Orogrande, Orogrande Summit, Rainy Day, Red River, Sam’s Creek, Six Mile, Table Meadows, Ten Mile, Trapper Creek, Wildhorse, Leggit Creek and portions of Oxbow, Sing Ly, and Newsome Campgrounds.

Campground Closures

Mallard Creek, Poet Creek, Granite Springs, Red Mailbox, and portions of Oxbow, Sing Ly and Newsome Campgrounds..

Restrictions and closures are constantly changing. Additional information and new restrictions will be posted at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>.

The most recent map of restrictions and closures can be accessed at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3852663.pdf.