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Closures and Restrictions 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 will continue to change. Please contact us or visit our website for additional information.

HUNTERS: The area 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.

Airstrips: All airstrips are open with the exception of Fish Lake.

Due to public safety resulting from fire activity, the following closures are in effect.

North Zone

North Fork Ranger District – (208) 476-4541

NEW - Road Closure Rescinded

Segments of the following roads have been **re-opened**: Skull Creek Road 252, South Skull Creek Road 710.

Trail Closures

A segment of Snow Creek Trail 285, 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.

Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open 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 remains closed.

Central Zone

Moose Creek Ranger District – (208) 926-4258

NEW - Area Closure Boundary Changes

The southern border of a large area closure north and south of the Selway River Corridor has been adjusted to allow better access to game unit 16A. The closure extends roughly from Coolwater Road 317 near Lowell, and south to Simmons Ridge Trail 610, Meadow Creek and Schwar Creek on the south (please review the order for details). Clarification: Coolwater Road 317 is open to Idaho Point and Andy's Hump. .

Road Closures

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

Trail Closures

Double Ridge Trail 442 is closed in its entirety. Segments of East Moose Trail 421, Battle Ridge Trail 432, and Gateway Peak Trail 491 remain closed.

Trails accessing much of the Selway Road 223 remain closed including Trails CCC Trail 434, Rackcliff 702, West Boyd 710, East Boyd 703, 23 Mile 707, West Glover 705, Glover 704, Gedney-Glover 709, Gedney 708, and Canteen 725 in their entireties.

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

NEW - Area Closure Changes

Much of the area south of Highway 12 from Wilderness Gateway to the Montana border has been re-opened. An area closure remains in effect south of Highway 12. It is roughly bounded by Eagle Creek on the west and Roads 111 and 360 on the east. It is roughly bound by trails 44 and 79 on the south. There is no access to Walton Lakes or Wind Lakes. This change will allow more access to big game unit 12.

An area west of Lolo Pass in the vicinity of Granite Pass remains 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

NEW - Segments of Fish Lake Crossover Trail 39, Wounded Doe Ridge Trail 644, Boulder Creek Trail 211, Sponge-Freezeout Trail 209, and Lochsa Peak Trail 220 are closed.

The following trails are closed in their entirety: Fish Lake Connection Trail 263, Dutch Ridge 2150, Rock Creek 2210, 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. Warm Springs Trail 49 remains closed from the junction with Wind Lakes Trail 24 to Saturday Ridge Trail 89. Note: Jerry Johnson hot springs is still accessible.

NEW - Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District include the Apgar, Colgate Camp, Knife Edge and Wild Goose Campgrounds. **NEW** – Wendover, Whitehouse, Powell and Whitehouse have re-opened as well as Loops C and D of Wilderness Gateway Campground.

Campground Closures

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. **An area commonly referred to as “the island” west of U.S. Highway 95 is open. The Gospel-Hump Wilderness is open.**

Road Closures

Main Salmon River Road 1614, Grangeville – Salmon Road 221 from the Spring Bar to Rocky Bluff Campgrounds, 394 Road, and the Nut Basin Road 441 Road. The roads in the Florence area are within the closure boundary. There are numerous other roads that fall within the closure area. Please see the closure map.

Trail Closures

The 088 Trail (across from Carey Creek) is closed. There are numerous other trails within the closure area. Please see the closure map.

Open Campgrounds

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

Campground Closures

North Fork Slate Creek, Spring Bar, and Van Creek Campgrounds

Red River Ranger District – (208) 842-2245

Red River Complex Area Closure

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 open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; however, travel from Red River to Poet Creek will be allowed when it is safe to do so, and with the escort of a pilot car. Visitors can expect **long** delays (up to four hours). Crews are working to remove snags and debris from this roadway to keep it passable.

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

Campgrounds that are open 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, Sourdough, Trapper Creek, Wildhorse, Leggett Creek and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee, and Newsome Campgrounds.

Campground Closures

Mallard Creek, Poet Creek, Granite Springs, Red Mailbox, and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee 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/stelprd3853900.pdf