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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

NEW - Fire Restrictions are being lifted for all lands managed by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. recreationists will once again be allowed to build warming fires outside of designated recreation areas. With weather conditions predicted to be warm and dry over the next few days, fire managers are encouraging Forest visitors to continue to be careful in the use of fire.

Airstrips: All backcountry airstrips are now open.

Due to public safety concerns associated with widespread fire activity, the following closures remain in effect:

North Zone

North Fork Ranger District – (208) 476-4541

Trail Closures

A segment of Snow Creek Trail 285 is closed. 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

Campgrounds that are open on the North Fork Ranger District include the Aquarius, Cedars, Hidden Creek, Kelly Forks, Noe Creek, and Washington Creek Campgrounds. 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

Area Closure

An area closure remains in place for lands on both sides of the Selway Corridor. The closure is bounded roughly by Coolwater Road 317 near Lowell on the north, south to Simmons Ridge Trail 610 and Meadow Creek. The westernmost point is Hamby Saddle, while the easternmost point is Schwar Creek. Prospective visitors should review the actual order and detailed map. Note: 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 entirety.

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

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. Trails 44 and 79 form much of the southern border. Elk Summit Road 111 and Savage Pass Road 360 remain open. There is no access to Walton Lakes or Wind Lakes.

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

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.

Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District include the Apgar, Colgate Camp, Knife Edge, Wild Goose, Wendover, Whitehouse and Loops C and D of Wilderness Gateway Campgrounds.

Campground Closures

Wilderness Gateway loops A and B, Powell and White Sands Campgrounds

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, Road 394, and Nut Basin Road 441 Road are closed. 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

NEW - Red River Complex Area Closure

A closure associated with the Red River Complex south and east of Red River was lifted and replaced with a smaller closure south and east of Red River. The closure is roughly bounded by the Magruder Road 468 on the north and the Salmon River on the south. Roads 222 and 1190, Noble Creek Trail 208 and Road 421 form the western boundary, while Trails 502 and Trail 96 define the eastern edge of the area.

Baldy Fire Area Closure Rescinded

NEW – The area closure associated with the Baldy Fire west of Newsome has been lifted. This allows more access into big game unit 16.

Red River Complex Road Closures

NEW – A segment of Road 1190 is closed.

Red River Complex Trail Closures

NEW - Trails 501 and 208 are closed

Red River Complex Trails Opened

NEW – Six trails that were closed August 19 have been re-opened including 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/stelprd3853984.pdf