



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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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

Fire Restrictions have been lifted for all lands managed by the Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests.

Airstrips: All backcountry airstrips are now open.

Campgrounds: While most campgrounds remain open, some are beginning to close for the season. Water systems are also closing down. Please contact your local Forest Service office for the best information.

Due to public safety concerns associated with widespread fire activity and traffic associated with firefighting and rehabilitation efforts, the following closures remain in effect:

North Zone

Palouse Ranger District – (208) 875-1131

Campground Closures

Giant White Pine remains closed.

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

Campground Closures

Weitas Creek Campground remains closed.

Central Zone

Moose Creek Ranger District – (208) 926-4258

New – Trails Now Available

Double Ridge Trail 442, segments of East Moose Trail 421, Battle Ridge Trail 432, and Gateway Peak Trail 491 have opened and are available to visitors.

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

New – Roads and trails opening on the Motorway Complex

Segments of the following roads that have been closed since early August have opened: Smith Creek Road 101, Lolo Weitas Road 103, Pierce Lochsa Road 104, Woodrat Mountain Road 418, Yakus Pete King Road 454, Highline Road 455, Middle Butte Road 483, Lolo Trail Road 500, Old Fan Creek Road 5007, East Fan Creek Road 5107, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge 5170, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge Road 5170, Lost

Hat Saddle Road 5173, Hemlock Road 535, Musselshell Creek Road 540, Hemlock Ridge Road 547, and Swan Creek Road 5503.

The Segments of Dan Lee Ridge Trail 11, Trapper Gulch Trail 76, Sylvan Ridge Trail 88, Sylvan Creek Trail 232, Lewis and Clark Trail 25 and Nee-Me-Poo Trail 40 are now open.

While these areas have opened to public access, fire managers caution visitors to be vigilant and watch for falling snags and other debris on roadways, trails and all forest lands. Firefighters are still working in the area and visitors should expect increased traffic and large equipment on forest roads.

Area Closures

An area closure remains in effect south of Highway 12 near Powell. 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.

Roads Closures

Crooked Fork Contour Road 595 is closed at Granite Pass to the end of the road.

Trail Closures

The following trails remain closed in their entirety: 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.

Campground Closures

Apgar, Wild Goose, Glade Creek, Wilderness Gateway loops A and B remain closed.

South Zone

Salmon River Ranger District – (208) 839-2211

Area Closure

Due to activity associated with the Tepee Springs fire, an area closure remains in place. 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.

Road Closures

Main Salmon River Road 1614, Grangeville-Salmon Road 221 beyond its junction with Road 643, Road 394, and Nut Basin Road 441 Road are closed. Roads in the Florence area are within the closure boundary. Please see the map for details.

Trail Closures

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

Campground Closures

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

Red River Ranger District – (208) 842-2245

Road Closures

Roads 9550 and 9553 are closed. Pilot Knob Road 466 remains closed from its junction with Road 284 to its end.

Red River Complex Trail Closures

Trails 586, 208, and 585 are closed in their entireties, and Trail 503 remains closed from Boston Mountain to the junction of Trail 585.

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 closures can be accessed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater/>. Click on the "Fire Information" button and scroll down to the link titled "Forest Map Showing Fires and Closures."

NOTE: This list includes **fire-related closures only**. Additional restrictions and closures have been enacted for a variety of reasons including road maintenance, log hauling, etc. Those are also posted on the Forests' website.