

Sawtooth National Forest Fire Management Constraints Summary: NORTH

Aerial application of fire retardant

- Do not use retardant within aquatic avoidance areas. Most avoidance areas are 300' distance from surface water. **New avoidance areas of 600' were designated in 2017 on Valley Creek, the upper Salmon River, and East Fork of the Salmon River on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.**
- Do not use retardant within terrestrial avoidance areas.
- If retardant is dropped in any avoidance area do the following:
 - Notify IC/READ
 - Record lat/long, take photos, and document the amount of retardant dropped if known (or type of aircraft)

The only exception for using retardant in an avoidance area is a threat to safety and/or life. Using retardant within an avoidance area to protect structure where there isn't a risk to human life of safety is a deviation from policy.

ESA Listed Fish Habitat

- Use pump intake screens (foot valves) with 3/32" mesh or smaller for drafting and portable pump use
- Use deeper, faster flowing locations for drafting or pumping whenever possible. Avoid dewatering streams with temporary dams.
- Don't use surfactants or foam will not be used in areas where there is potential for direct waterway contamination
- Avoid dipping/drafting in streams with ESA listed fish species August-September unless a READ has been consulted

Riparian Areas

- Avoid use of heavy equipment within riparian conservation areas (300' from perennial streams or 150' from intermittent stream channels)
- Avoid refueling within 100' of water when feasible
- Store fuel (amounts >10 gallons) more than 300' from water when feasible, use containment basins.
- Avoid locating ICP, spike camps, helispots, staging areas, drop points, etc in riparian areas unless there no other suitable locations

Sage Grouse habitat

- When possible minimize the size of any burnout operation in sage grouse habitat and if possible consult with a READ prior to ignitions
- Where and when possible avoid burning out interior islands

TEPC Plant Habitat (same locations as terrestrial retardant avoidance areas)

- Avoid locating ICP, spike camps, helispots, staging areas, drop points, etc in TEPC plant habitat.

Unmapped Constraints

- Avoid felling five needle pines.
- Avoid helicopter dip sites within ¼ mile of occupied bald eagle nests, consult with READ for these locations
- Avoid using PSD within 300' of fish bearing streams, consult with READ for these locations.

If the following the guidance above will pose a risk to safety, life, or structures are imminently threatened proceed with normal operations immediately and ensure that the READ/IC are informed of this decision. Further coordination with a READ is recommended.

LEGEND

- Ranger District Boundary
- Wilderness
- 600' Buffer Retardant Avoidance Areas
- 300' Buffer Aquatic Retardant Avoidance Areas
- Terrestrial Retardant Avoidance
- ESA Fish Habitat
- Public Water Supply

Sage Grouse Habitat Management Areas

Habitat_Management_Area

- GHMA
- IHMA
- PHMA

Ownership

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- BLM
- NPS
- NWR
- PRIVATE
- STATE
- USFS


