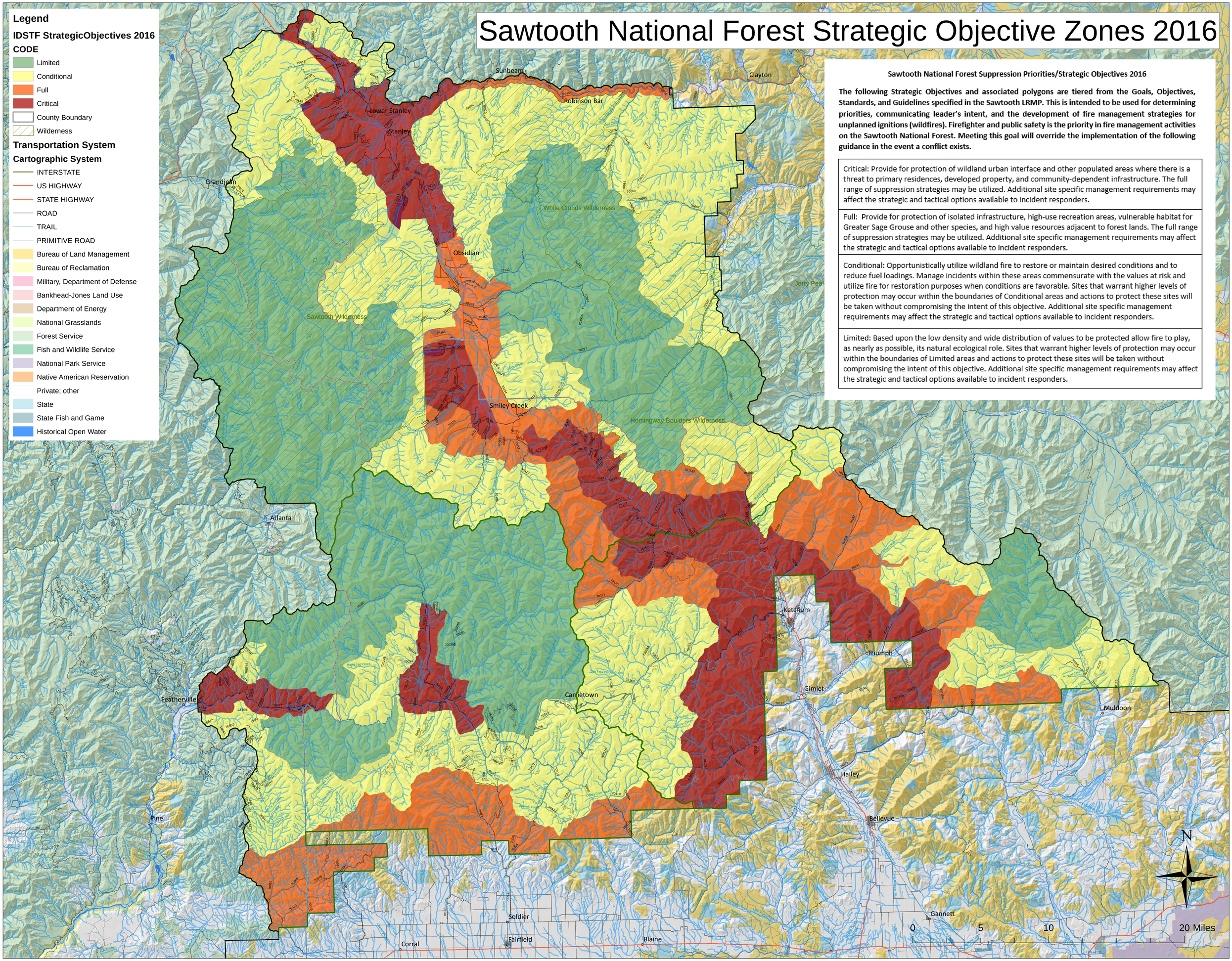
Sawtooth National Forest Strategic Objective Zones 2016



Sawtooth National Forest Suppression Priorities/Strategic Objectives 2016

The following Strategic Objectives and associated polygons are tiered from the Goals, Objectives, Standards, and Guidelines specified in the Sawtooth LRMP. This is intended to be used for determining priorities, communicating leader's intent, and the development of fire management strategies for unplanned ignitions (wildfires). Firefighter and public safety is the priority in fire management activities on the Sawtooth National Forest. Meeting this goal will override the implementation of the following guidance in the event a conflict exists.

Critical: Provide for protection of wildland urban interface and other populated areas where there is a threat to primary residences, developed property, and community-dependent infrastructure. The full range of suppression strategies may be utilized. Additional site specific management requirements may affect the strategic and tactical options available to incident responders.
Full: Provide for protection of isolated infrastructure, high-use recreation areas, vulnerable habitat for Greater Sage Grouse and other species, and high value resources adjacent to forest lands. The full range of suppression strategies may be utilized. Additional site specific management requirements may affect the strategic and tactical options available to incident responders.
Conditional: Opportunistically utilize wildland fire to restore or maintain desired conditions and to reduce fuel loadings. Manage incidents within these areas commensurate with the values at risk and utilize fire for restoration purposes when conditions are favorable. Sites that warrant higher levels of protection may occur within the boundaries of Conditional areas and actions to protect these sites will be taken without compromising the intent of this objective. Additional site specific management requirements may affect the strategic and tactical options available to incident responders.
Limited: Based upon the low density and wide distribution of values to be protected allow fire to play, as nearly as possible, its natural ecological role. Sites that warrant higher levels of protection may occur within the boundaries of Limited areas and actions to protect these sites will be taken without compromising the intent of this objective. Additional site specific management requirements may affect the strategic and tactical options available to incident responders.