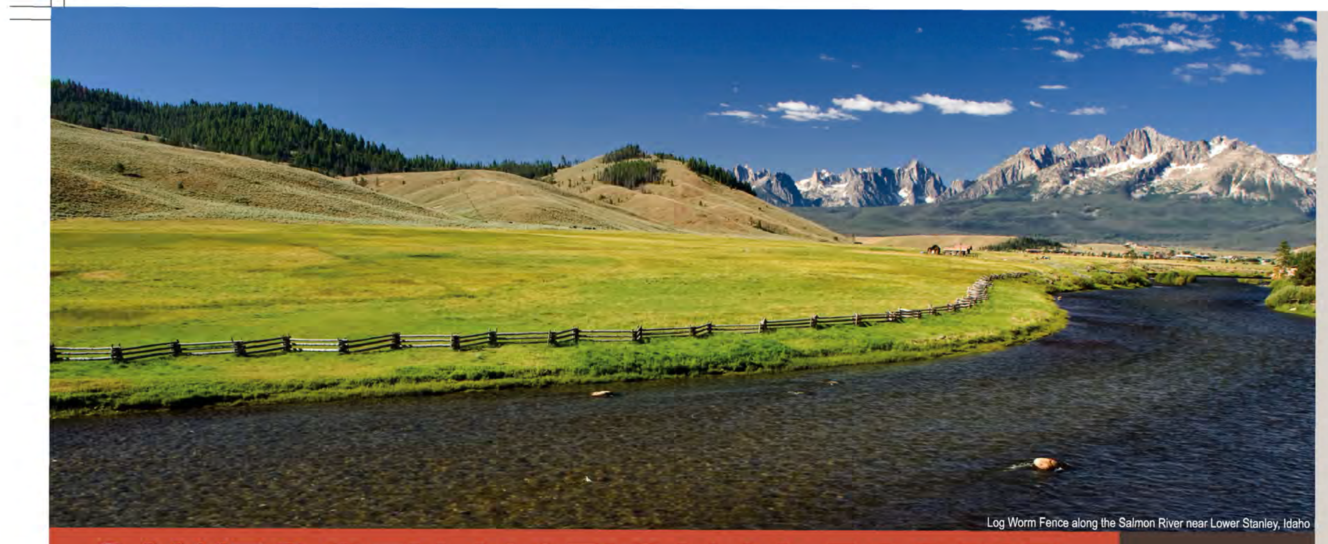
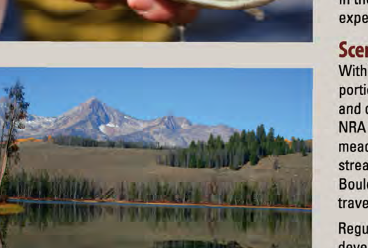


SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST



THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IS...

Recreation . . .
The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA) offers unsurpassed opportunities for recreation for all seasons. Visitors come from all over the world to enjoy camping, picnicking, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, photography, float boating, kayaking, trail bike riding, mountain bike riding, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, boating, hunting, fishing, or simply taking in the scenery. Maintaining the quality of these recreational experiences is a top management priority.

Scenic and Pastoral Views . . .
Within the boundaries of the 756,000-acre recreation area lie portions of four mountain ranges, the headwaters of five major rivers and over 1,000 lakes. Located in the heart of Idaho, the Sawtooth NRA is a mosaic formed of jagged peaks, gem-like lakes, mountain meadows, glacier carved valleys, timbered slopes, and rushing streams. The beauty of the Sawtooth, White Cloud Peaks and Boulder Mountain ranges are in constant view to visitors as they travel through the Sawtooth NRA.

Regulations have been developed outlining the subdivision and development of the 25,000 acres of private land within the National Recreation Area. These regulations will ensure the compatibility of uses on these lands with the intent of Public Law 92-400, the Congressional Act establishing the Sawtooth NRA.

Multiple Use . . .
Various resource uses will continue and are encouraged as long as those uses do not substantially impair the values outlined in the Sawtooth NRA legislation. Timber products serve local needs such as firewood, fencing post and poles, and small quantities of sawtimber. During the summer months, over 2,500 cattle and about 4,400 sheep graze the valleys and mountain pastures of the Sawtooth country. The livestock industry remains an important part of the local economy.

Although the Sawtooth NRA is now closed to new mineral entry, mining of valid existing claims may continue so long as this activity does not substantially impair the values outlined in the Sawtooth NRA legislation.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat . . .
Fisheries and wildlife habitat are of special importance in the Sawtooth NRA. The forest, valleys, and barren ridges are home for a variety of wildlife species. The lakes and streams provide important habitat for native fish populations as well as spawning grounds for chinook and sockeye salmon and steelhead. The chinook salmon and steelhead return 900 miles from the Pacific Ocean to their birthplace in the Salmon River and its tributaries to spawn and die.

Wilderness . . .
Within the heart of the Sawtooth NRA lies the 217,000-acre Sawtooth Wilderness, long recognized for its exceptional beauty and wild qualities. As the name suggests, this spectacular wilderness is comprised of hundreds of jagged peaks, 42 over 10,000 feet in height, with hundreds of high alpine lakes and tranquil basins. Within this dazzling landscape with its endless possibilities, lie the headwaters of three major rivers. Deep, secluded valleys provide habitat for an abundant population of wildlife and many species of fish. Designated a Mandatory Class I air quality area by the 1977 Clean Air Act, the Sawtooth Wilderness has the clearest air in the continental United States. Many visitors come for the outstanding scenery, trout fishing, mountain climbing, hunting, hiking, and camping. Forty-two Wilderness trails cover about 270 miles. Some remarkable regions of the Wilderness are only accessible by off-trail route finding. Open fires are not permitted in some high-use regions, and group size is limited in the area to help stem the tide of human impact. On any given night, temperatures might drop to freezing, and in summer the mosquitoes have been known to provoke visitors.

Cultural Resources . . .
Archaeological records reveal that the earliest occupation of the Sawtooth Valley was over 10,000 years ago. American Indians have a deep connections to this land and its resources. These lands are still important to American Indians today. In historic times, mining played an important role in shaping the character of the area. The first Stanley Basin placer gold discoveries in 1863 later led to an influx of people into the remote mining camps of Boulder Basin, Galena, Vienna, and Sawtooth City in the late 1870's and early 1880's. They came in search of fortunes to be dug from the earth.

Reservations & Information

To reserve a recreation site or to get more detailed information about a site, visit:

recreation.gov

fs.usda.gov/sawtooth

or call:

1-877-444-6777.

Symbol Key

- Ranger/Guard Station
- Information
- Information Center
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Parking
- Fee Area
- Accessible
- Reservations Available
- Dogs on Leash
- Interpretive Trail
- Automotive Interpretive Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Bicycle Trail
- Bicycles Prohibited
- Motorcycle Trail
- Horse Trail
- Horse Loading
- Stable
- Point of Interest
- Trailer Parking Sites
- Trailer Sanitary Station
- Viewing area
- Trash Receptacle
- Telephone
- Gas Station
- Showers
- Grocery Store
- Lodging
- Food Service
- Playground
- Fishing
- Marina
- Motor Boating
- Boat Launch Ramp
- River Access
- Canoeing
- Sail Boating
- Water Skiing
- Swimming
- Rafting
- Row Boating
- Wading
- Amphitheater
- Winter Recreation
- Cross-country Skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Snowmobile Parking

CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

Site Number	Site Name	Map Location	No. of Units	Group Units	Elevation	Season of Use	Activities and Facilities	Remarks
1	TRAP CREEK	C-2	3		6700	Jun-Sep		Group reservations
2	SHEEP TRAIL	C-2	4		6600	Jun-Sep		Group reservations
3	ELK CREEK	C-2	3		6500	Jun-Sep		Group reservations
4	STANLEY LAKE INLET	C-3	15		6500	Jun-Sep		
5	LAKEVIEW	C-3	7		6500			
6	STANLEY LAKE	C-3	16		6500	Jun-Sep		
7	SALMON RIVER	E-2	32		6200	Jun-Sep		
8	CASINO CREEK	E-2	19		6100	Jun-Sep		
9	RIVERSIDE	E-2	18		6100	Jun-Sep		Group reservations
10	MORMON BEND	E-2	17		6100	Jun-Sep		Float Boat Access
11	UPPER O'BRIEN	F-2	10		5800	Jun-Sep		
12	LOWER O'BRIEN	F-2	10		5800	Jun-Sep		
13	WHISKY FLATS	G-2	4		5600	Jun-Sep		
14	HOLMAN CREEK	G-3	10		5600	Jun-Sep		
15	GRANDJEAN	B-3	34		5200	Jun-Sep		
16	IRON CREEK	C-3	3		6700	Jun-Sep		
17	SUNNY GULCH	D-3*	45		6400	Jun-Sep		Reservable Pavilion
18	CHINOOK BAY	D-3*	13		6500	Jun-Sep		
19	MOUNTAIN VIEW	D-3*	7		6500	Jun-Sep		
20	GLACIER VIEW	D-3*	65		6600	Jun-Sep		
21	POINT	D-3*	17		6600	Jun-Sep		Tent, van, truck camper only
22	OUTLET	D-3*	19		6600	Jun-Sep		
23	MOUNT HEYBURN	D-3*	20		6600	Jun-Sep		
24	SOCKEYE	D-3*	23		6600	Jun-Sep		
25	REDFISH INLET	D-4	6			Jun-Sep		
26	PETTIT LAKE	E-5	13		7000	Jun-Sep		
27	NORTH SHORE	E-5	16		7050	Jun-Sep		
28	SMOKEY BEAR	E-5	12		7050	Jun-Sep		
29	ALTURAS LAKE INLET	D-5	28		7025	Jun-Sep		
30	ALTURAS TENT	E-5	6			Jun-Sep		
31	CHEMEKETAN	E-6		1	7500	Jun-Sep		
32	EASLEY	G-6	10		6600	Jun-Sep		Group tent reservation
33	WOOD RIVER	H-6	32		6400	Jun-Sep		
34	CARIBOU	H-6	7		6600	Jun-Sep		Difficult for trailers
35	MURDOCK	H-6	10		6500	Jun-Sep		
36	NORTH FORK	H-6	30		6300	Jun-Sep		

*Redfish Vicinity Map

RECREATION SITE INFORMATION

Site Number	Site Name	Map Location	No. of Units	Group Units	Elevation	Season of Use	Activities and Facilities	Remarks
1	PARK CREEK	C-2			6500	Jun-Sep		Nordic Ski Area-winter
2	STANLEY LAKE	C-3			6400	Jun-Sep		
3	CENTAURAS	F-2			5900	Yearlong		Historic site
4	INDIAN RIFFLES	F-2			5900	Jun-Sep		Overlook
5	SNYDER SPRINGS	F-2			5800	Jun-Sep		
6	TORREY'S HOLE	G-2			5700	Jun-Sep		Float Boat Take-out
7	SAWTOOTH LODGE	B-3			5100	Jun-Oct		Hot Springs Pool
8	STANLEY MUSEUM	D-3			6300	Jun-Sep		Interpretive information
9	SCENIC BYWAY INFO SITE	D-3			6300	Yearlong		
10	STANLEY RANGER STATION	D-3*			6400	Yearlong		Visitor information, tape tour
11	LITTLE REDFISH LAKE	D-3*			6500	Jun-Sep		Motorless lake
12	REDFISH LAKE	D-3*			6550	Jun-Sep		
13	POINT DAY USE AREA	D-3*			6600	Jun-Sep		Picnic area/swim site
14	REDFISH LAKE LODGE	D-3*			6600	Jun-Oct		Laundry facilities
15	REDFISH VISITOR CENTER	D-3*			6600	Jun-Sep		Visitor information/parking area
16	FISHHOOK NATURE TRAIL	D-3*			6600	Jun-Sep		National Recreation Trail
17	NORTH SHORE	D-3*		2	6600	Jun-Sep		Group reservations/day use
18	OUTLET DAY USE AREA	D-3*			6600	Jun-Sep		Day use
19	SANDY BEACH DAY USE AREA	D-3*			6600	Jun-Sep		
20	BUCKHORN	D-3			6500	May-Nov		
21	SAWTOOTH HATCHERY	D-3			6500	Yearlong		Idaho State fish hatchery
22	YELLOWBELLY LAKE	E-4			7000	Jun-Sep		No public facilities, motorless lake
23	PETTIT DAY USE	E-5	13		7000	Jun-Sep		
24	PERKINS LAKE	E-5			7000	Jun-Sep		Motorless lake, day use area/fishing access
25	ALTURAS LAKE	E-5			7000	Jun-Sep		
26	ALTURAS PICNIC	E-5		1	7025	Jun-Sep		Group reservations
27	POLE CREEK GUARD STATION	F-5			7300	Jun-Sep		Historic Ranger Station
28	BETHINE & FRANK CHURCH OVERLOOK	F-6			8400	Jun-Sep		Galena Summit
29	GALENA LODGE	F-6			7300	Yearlong		Nordic Ski Area-winter, hiking/biking-summer
30	BAKER CREEK	G-6			6700	Dec-Apr		Snowmobile area
31	EASLEY HOT SPRINGS RESORT	G-6			6600	Jun-Sep		Hot springs pool
32	WOOD RIVER	H-6			6400	Jun-Sep		Group Campground
33	WOOD RIVER NATURE TRAIL	H-6			6400	Jun-Sep		
34	SAWTOOTH NRA	H-6			6300	Yearlong		Exhibits, tape tour, cross-country ski trails

*Redfish Vicinity Map

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRE!

Campfires are the number one source of human caused fires on the Sawtooth National Forest. Please follow these simple guidelines to help prevent wildfires:

- »Keep campfires small.
- »Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, dry grass, logs, and rotten stumps.
- »When extinguishing a campfire, drench the fire with water and stir until it's cold to the touch. The fire is not always out just because there's no smoke.
- »NEVER LEAVE A CAMPFIRE UNATTENDED! Unattended campfire regulations will be enforced with fines.
- »Soak charcoal briquettes in a bucket of water when finished.
- »Know the regulations for wilderness areas; use a fire blanket in areas where fires are permitted.

TRAILHEAD INFORMATION

Site Number	Site Name	Map Location	Parking Units	Elevation	Trails Served	Activities and Facilities	Remarks
1	TRAP CREEK	C-2	5	6900	627		
2	EAST FORK VALLEY CREEK	C-2		6800	037,039		
3	ELK MEADOW	C-2	6	6700	628,853,854		
4	ELK MOUNTAIN	C-2	4	7000	628,853		
5	CASINO CREEKS	E-2	6	6100	232,646		
6	FRENCH CREEK (BLM)	H-2	6	5700	675		
7	STANLEY LAKE	C-3	8	6600	640,528		Sawtooth Wilderness access
8	GRANDJEAN	B-3	20	5200	452,453		Sawtooth Wilderness access
9	IRON CREEK	C-3	20	6700	640,528		Sawtooth Wilderness access
10	ALPINE WAY	D-3*	6	6400	528		Sawtooth Wilderness access
11	REDFISH	D-3*	20	6600	101,186		Sawtooth Wilderness access
12	BOUNDARY CREEK	E-3	6	7100	103,646,616		
13	ROUGH CREEK	E-3	6	7400	647		
14	BIG BOULDER CREEK	G-3	12	7200	047,680		White Cloud Mountains access
15	REDFISH INLET	D-4		6600	101,045		Sawtooth Wilderness access, boat access
16	UPPER HELL ROARING	E-4	12	7200	097		
17	WILLIAMS CREEK	E-4	20	6600	104		
18	HELL ROARING CREEK	E-4	6	6800	097		Sawtooth Wilderness access; high clearance vehicles
19	CHAMPION CREEK	E-4	20	7500	105		
20	FISHER CREEK	F-4	6	7700	332,104		
21	FOURTH OF JULY CREEK	F-4	20	8800	109		White Cloud Mountains access
22	WASHINGTON BASIN	F-5		9300	216		
23	WASHINGTON CREEK	F-4		8400	051,109		
24	LITTLE BOULDER (BLM)	H-4	15	5600	682		White Cloud Mountains access
25	GERMANIA CREEK	H-4	8		111		
26	BOWERY CREEK	H-4	10		244		
27	GRAHAM (BOISE NF)	A-5	10	6100	465,457		Sawtooth Wilderness access
28	ALTURAS LAKE CREEK	D-5	6	7100	094,034,090		Sawtooth Wilderness access
29	TIN CUP HIKER	E-5	30	7000	095,041		Sawtooth Wilderness access
30	TIN CUP HORSE	E-5	12	7000	041,095,096		Sawtooth Wilderness access
31	CABIN CREEK	E-5	6	7100	191		Sawtooth Wilderness access
32	ALTURAS LAKE WINTER	E-5		7000			Nordic Ski Area
33	SMILEY CREEK SNOWMOBILE	E-5		7200			
34	HORTON PEAK	E-5		7200	106		
35	TWIN CREEK	F-5	6	7600	107		
36	CHAMPION CREEK CUTOFF	F-5	6	8300	105		Champion Lakes
37	THREE CABINS CREEK	F-5	8	7900	111		
38	GRAND PRIZE	F-5	12	7800	112		
39	GLADIATOR	F-5	6	7700	108		
40	EAST FORK	H-5	4	6500	112,114		East Fork Salmon River access
41	WEST PASS CREEK	H-5	5	7300	115		
42	QUEENS RIVER	B-6	12	5200	458,454		Sawtooth Wilderness access
43	POWERPLANT (BOISE NF)	C-6	12	5400	460,484		Sawtooth Wilderness access
44	SMILEY CREEK	E-6	8	7600	224		
45	SALMON RIVER HEADWATERS	F-6	4		072,196		
46	TITUS LAKE	F-6	10	8700	190		
47	TITUS CREEK	F-6	6	8700	190		
48	PRAIRIE CREEK	F-6	10	7200	133,134,135		Access to Prairie & Miner Lakes
49	HARRIMAN	G-6	20	7000	412		
50	NORTH FK. BIG WOOD RIVER	H-6	6	6900	115,129		No Bicycles on Trail 391
51	EAST FORK NORTH FORK BIG WOOD RIVER	H-6	5	6800	127		
52	MURDOCK	H-6	6	6500	210		
53	OREGON GULCH	H-6	8	6300	183		
54	LAKE CREEK	H-7	30	6000	149,302		National Recreation Trail
55	ADAMS GULCH	H-7	15	6000	177,142		
56	PIONEER CABIN	K-7	10	7000	122,123		

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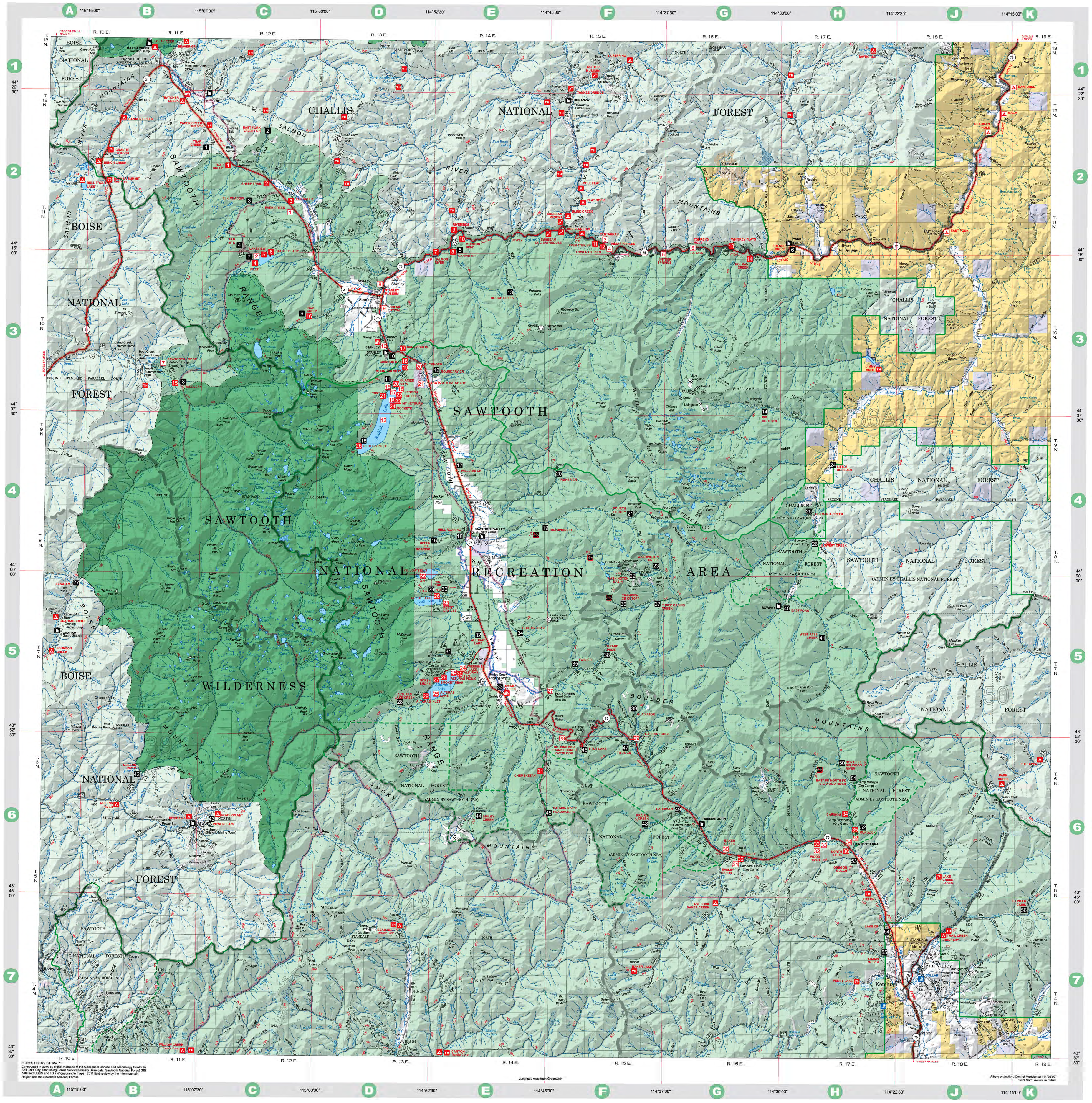

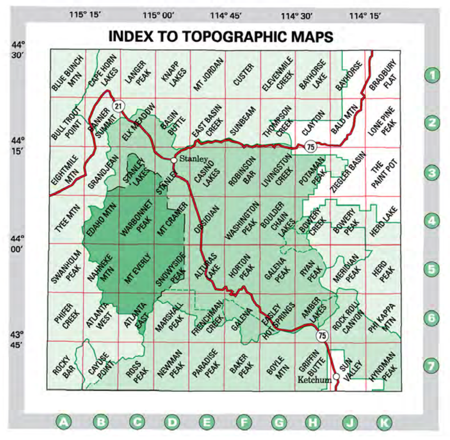

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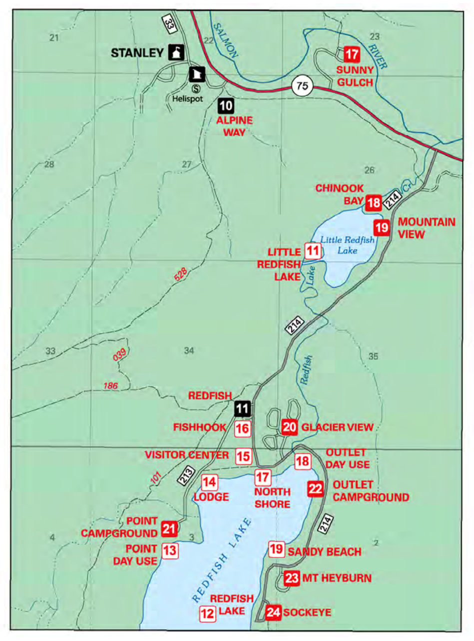

LEGEND

- National Forest Boundary
- Administrative Boundary
- Ranger District Boundary
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Special Area Boundary
- Railroad
- Power Transmission
- Highway
- Paved Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Gravel Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Dirt Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Road Not Maintained for Passenger Cars
- Surface conditions are subject to change, make local inquiry
- Trail
- Idaho Centennial Trail
- National Scenic Byway
- Public Stream Access Easement
- Interstate
- U.S.
- State
- County
- National Forest Primary, Suitable for Passenger Cars
- National Forest Secondary, Suitable for Passenger Cars
- 1206 National Forest, Suitable for High-Clearance Vehicles
- 1202 National Forest Trail Number
- Supervisors Office
- Ranger District Office
- Other Forest Service Facility
- Recreation Site, Sawtooth NF
- Recreation Site, other than Sawtooth NF
- Trailhead, Sawtooth NF
- Historic Site
- Bicycles Prohibited
- Horizontal Control Station
- Boundary Monument
- Located or Landmark Object
- Mining Activity
- Gravel Pit
- House, Cabin or Building
- School
- Cemetery
- Church
- Locked Gate
- Seasonal Gate
- Sawtooth National Forest
- Land Administered by other National Forest
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area
- National Forest Wilderness
- Bureau of Land Management
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private
- Public lands are subject to change and leasing, make local inquiry
- 35 Big Game Management Unit Boundary — Big Game Unit boundary locations as shown on this map are approximate at the time of printing. Consult state big game hunting regulations for official boundary locations

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