

***The effects of 40,000 visitors each year make it necessary to strictly enforce the following regulations. By following these rules you can help preserve this area for your enjoyment and the enjoyment of future generations...
THANK YOU!***

SAWTOOTH WILDERNESS REGULATIONS

PERMITS & GROUPS

- **All wilderness users must have a permit for wilderness use, as well as a recreation user fee pass.**
- **The following wilderness visitors must obtain their permit from a Forest Service Office: Groups with 8 or more people, or any overnight stock use.** *Self-issued wilderness permits are available at trailheads for all other users.*
- **Groups may not exceed 12 people and 14 head of stock.** *Smaller groups are recommended when traveling off trail to protect fragile areas.*
- **Groups are limited to 20 persons and 14 head of stock from December 1 through April 30.**

STOCK

- **Use proper stock tying methods.** *If you must tie to live trees limit it to periods of less than one hour .*
- **Stock are not to be tethered within 100 feet of springs, lakes and streams, nor grazed within 200 yards of lake shores.** *Keep bacteria out of water sources and protect fragile lake and stream shores.*
- **Grazing of equine stock is not allowed in the Salmon River drainage (east side of the wilderness).** *Feed is very limited.*
- **Packing in loose hay or straw is prohibited.** *Prevent introduction of weeds by packing pelletized feed.*
- **No stock is allowed in the Goat Creek drainage (tributary of the S. Fk. of the Payette) or Alpine Creek drainage (near Alturas Lake).** *Help protect these fragile areas .*
- **Equine stock are not allowed overnight at Edith Lake.** *Help protect this fragile area.*
- **All stock must be tethered when on trail and are allowed in campsites only when loading and unloading.**

Respect other users.

DOGS

- **Dogs must be on leash while on trails from July 1 through Labor Day.** *Control your pet. Loose dogs can harass wildlife and stock and disturb other visitors.*
- **Dogs are not allowed in the Goat Creek drainage (tributary of the South Fork of the Payette River).**

CAMPING

- **Camp at least 100 feet from trails, lakes and streams where possible.** *Use existing camps in high traffic areas.*

FIRE

- **All campfires must be on a fire pan or fire blanket.** *Use of gas stoves is highly recommended. If you must build a fire, use only use dead and down wood. Fires damage vegetation, sterilize soil and scar the land.*

SANITATION

- **Pack out all trash.** *This includes food scraps. Help remove evidence of people and keep the area clean.*
- **Wash 150 feet away from lakes and streams.** *Even "biodegradable" soap pollutes. Keep it pure!*
- **Bury human waste at least 100 feet from water sources.** *Catholes should be 6-8 inches deep and covered with soil.*
- **Properly dispose of toilet paper.** *We prefer that you carry it out (doubled plastic bags work great for this!)*

ETIQUETTE

- **Do not disturb natural features.** *Leave them for others to enjoy.*
- **Stay on the trail.** *Cutting switchbacks cause erosion.*
- **Respect the quiet that wilderness offers.** *Shouting, music and other loud noises disrupt solitude and disturb wildlife.*
- **Remember, as in all wilderness, bicycles, motor vehicles, carts and aircraft are not allowed.** *Protect primitive wilderness characteristics from the effects of ever-expanding civilization and mechanization.*

For permits or more information, contact:

Stanley Ranger Station 208/774-3000 or Sawtooth National Recreation Area
208/727-5000