

## Proposed Restrictions for Recreational Stock Use in the Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds Wilderness

The Forest Service has sent out a proposal for changes in the existing regulations in the new Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds Wilderness that will affect recreational stock use. I need input from BCHI members so we can send a response to the Forest Service by January 5<sup>th</sup> stating our position.

PLEASE READ AND COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED REGULATIONS:

Under Standards #2172:

The following are prohibited and would affect BCH:

- a. Having greater than 12 in a group, reduced from 20 in a group.
- b. Being in the area with a combined number of saddle stock in excess of 14 animals, reduced from 25 head of stock.
- c. Shortcutting trail switchbacks on foot or with pack and saddle stock.
- d. Building, maintaining, attending, or using campfires above 9,000' elevation, with the exception of Walker, Island, Upper and Lower Chamberlain (9,488' and 9,197') and Boorn Lakes.
- e. Building, maintaining, attending, or using campfires within 200 yards of Swimm Lake.
- f. Tethering pack and saddle stock within 100 feet of springs, lakes, or streams.
- g. Tying pack and saddle stock to live trees for periods longer than one hour.
- h. Recreational grazing within 200 yards of lakes.
- i. Depositing human waste within 100 feet of water, trails and campsites, and/or not burying waste before vacating the area.
- j. Recreational stock use above Lodgepole Lake, above Quiet Lake, within Gunsight Creek, and within the Big Boulder drainage excluding Walker and Island Lakes.

Under Standards #2182:

Remove from within the White Clouds Wilderness; Trail #674 above O'Caulkins Lake to Warm Springs Creek (671junction) Trail 684 Wickiup Creek; and within Hemingway Boulders Wilderness; Trail #113, the upper 5.2 miles of the South Fork of the East Fork of the Salmon River from the Forest Service trail inventory.

There are other changes to the present regulations, but these are the ones that affect recreational stock use. You can contact the Sawtooth National Forest for a complete report. **Please review this and let me know your opinions no later than December 28<sup>th</sup> via email at [ryan3863@speedyquick.net](mailto:ryan3863@speedyquick.net).** The BCHI Chairman is aware of this request and has given his approval to seek your input. Our response will be under his name.

Thank you,  
Phil Ryan  
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