

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Partnerships Newsletter



Salmon seventh grade students skiing and snowshoeing at Chief Joseph.

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Volunteers working on National Forest System lands are covered under Federal Workers' Compensation in the event of injury or accident. If you are a partner whose work includes volunteers on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, it's worthwhile to learn how to navigate the process in the event that one of your volunteers requires Workers' Compensation.

Visit the Workplace Safety folder in our [SCNF External Partner Folder](#) for a new "Office of Worker's Compensation (OWCP) Overview for USFS Volunteers" slideshow from the Payette National Forest. This resource includes information for those looking to learn how to better navigate the eSafety and Federal Workers' Compensation process.



Students and volunteers gather at the Gordon Reese Cabin at Chief Joseph.

Chief Joseph Ski Day

Spirits were high and the snow was good during the 2024 Hands on the Land Chief Joseph Ski Day for the Salmon School District's seventh graders.

Thanks to the work of Salmon Valley Stewardship, a group of Lemhi County partners came together on February 14 to help make the day an enjoyable experience for students. Over 40 seventh graders had the opportunity to spend the day on cross country skis and snowshoes, many for the first time, while learning about winter wildlife adaptations and snow science. Students were provided properly-fitting gear and were broken up into small groups to explore at their own pace with volunteer chaperones.

This event was a continuation of a long-standing Hands on the Land outdoor experience for Salmon students. A big thanks to our partners at Salmon Valley Stewardship and the many others who joined in to make the day a success!

SCNF Safety Trainings

The Salmon-Challis offers a number of safety trainings each year, typically before field season in late spring and early summer. Right now, the following trainings have confirmed dates and locations:

- **First Aid/CPR (April 11)** – Single-day training at the SCNF Supervisor's Office. Training begins at 8am.
- **Bear Awareness and Aerosol Training (May 3)** - This free event will be held in Salmon and provides training to field-going individuals on the proper use of bear spray and other safety considerations while working and recreating in bear country.

We'll reach out as more trainings become available. Please contact Becca Aceto if you or your employees would like to sign up for any of these trainings.



Resources

- [SCNF Grants Calendar](#) – Updated to reflect current funding opportunities and deadlines.
- [SCNF External Partner Folder](#) – Includes blank forms, safety resources, Risk Assessments, and more.



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