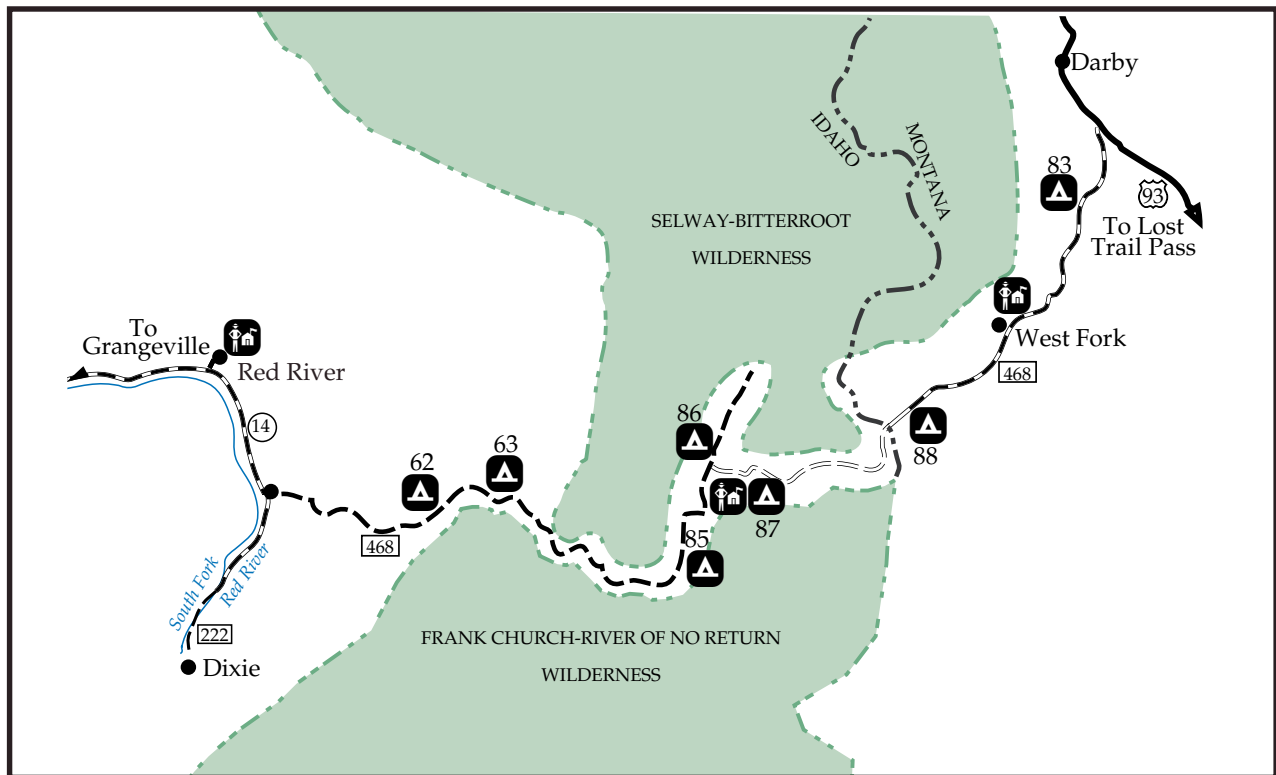


## THE MAGRUDER ROAD CORRIDOR



Map #	Campground or Site #	Owner	# of Units	Picnic	Toilet	Water	RV/Tr	Hookup	Fee	Accessible
62	Granite Springs Campground	USFS	4	•	•	•				•
63	Poet Creek Campground	USFS	4	•	•					•
83	Sam Billings Memorial Campground	USFS	14	•	•					
85	Observation Point	USFS	0		•					•
86	Magruder Crossing	USFS	0		•					•
87	Deep Creek	USFS	0	•	•					•
88	Fales Flat	USFS	0	•	•					•

# MAGRUDER ROAD CORRIDOR

## WHAT'S IT LIKE?

The Magruder Road corridor extends 95 miles through a vast undeveloped area, offering solitude and pristine beauty, as well as expansive views of the Bitterroot and Clearwater mountains. It has been known as the southern Nez Perce Trail, Elk City to Darby Road, and the Parker Trail. The present road does not exactly trace the historic southern Nez Perce Trail; it meanders adjacent to stream valleys and twists and turns up and down steep mountain ridges. The road enables a traveler to drive along a corridor between Wildernesses nearly twice as large as the combined states of Delaware and Rhode Island. To the north is the 1.2-million-acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and to the south the 2.2-million-acre Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. These areas comprise over 11% of the Congressionally established Wilderness area in the 48 contiguous states. This is probably one of the wildest roads in the United States. Its unspoiled beauty cannot be surpassed, as the landscape is much the same as when the Nez Perce Indians and early travelers crossed the area. Although it will test your driving ability, this wilderness adventure offers an exhilarating experience. Take your time, absorb the solitude and enjoy the remoteness.

## WHAT'S THE ROAD LIKE?

The Magruder Road (Forest Road 468) is a single-lane mostly unimproved road which is rocky, steep and winding, with few turnouts for passing oncoming vehicles. The road is not recommended for low-clearance vehicles, motor homes or vehicles towing trailers. Since the road traverses a vast and rugged area, travelers should take adequate provisions and make sure their vehicle is in good working condition, has a full tank of gas and a properly inflated spare tire.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

To enjoy the vistas and solitude, an ideal trip in the Magruder Road corridor will last at least two days with an overnight stay at one of the six primitive campgrounds. Hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, stock users, and motorcyclists will find a dizzying array of adventure options.



*Beargrass blooms from May to August in open woods and clearings.*

The Red River Ranger District at Elk City will be happy to offer advice.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

- What's the best time of year to travel the road? *Generally, July through October are the best times to travel the corridor; however, snowstorms are possible anytime. It's a good idea to inquire at Red River Ranger District for current road conditions and weather forecast.*
- How did the corridor get its name? *In 1863, Elk City merchant Lloyd Magruder and four companions were murdered near mile 44.2 westbound (near the Selway River). The murderers were pursued and brought back to Lewiston, Idaho, where they were tried, found guilty, and hanged. This was the first legal hanging in the Idaho territory.*

## BROCHURES?

- ✓ The Magruder Corridor (Free)
- ✓ Nez Perce Forest Visitor Map (\$)