

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

OCCUPANCY AND USE

For Resource Protection and Public Health and Safety

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), located within the Sawtooth National Forest, with the exception of the Sawtooth, Cecil D Andrus White Cloud, and Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness Areas. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **December 31, 2025**.

Camping Restrictions:

1. Occupying a campsite within a **developed campground or designated dispersed camping area**, at the same site or within a 30 mile radius of the same site, for more than 10 days during any 30-day period. **36 CFR 261.58(a)**
2. Occupying a campsite, outside of a developed campground or designated dispersed camping area, at the same site within the SNRA or on any NFS land within a 30-mile radius of the same site within the SNRA, for more than 10 days during any 30-day period between May 1st and September 15th, or for more than 16 days during any 30 day period between September 16th and April 30th. **36 CFR 261.58(a)**
3. Camping any place other than in a developed campground or designated dispersed campsite identified with a universal camping symbol, within the following areas:
 - a. Big Wood River watershed (except within 300 feet of Forest Road 158 located in the upper Boulder Creek basin);
 - b. Stanley Lake Complex;
 - c. Within 1/4 mile either side of Forest Road 619 (aka, Iron Creek Road); or
 - d. Within 1/4 mile either side of the Salmon River from the fish weir at the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery downriver to the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. **36 CFR 261.58(e)**
4. Camping any place other than in a developed campground within the following areas:
 - a. Redfish Lake Complex;
 - b. Within 1/4 mile of Alturas Lake; or
 - c. Between Forest Roads 208 or 362, and Pettit Lake. **36 CFR 261.58(e)**

5. Camping or occupying a campsite in a developed campground with more than 8 people in a single unit, 16 people in a double unit, or in excess of the posted capacity at any camp unit. **36 CFR 261.58(f)**
6. Being in a developed recreation site between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for a person who is camping or who is visiting a person camping in a developed campground, or the site is posted as a Dark Sky viewing area. **36 CFR 261.58(u)**

Parking Restrictions:

7. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. **36 CFR 262.58(g)**
8. Parking or leaving a vehicle or trailer in a developed campground other than in one's own campsite or in an overflow parking area. **36 CFR 261.58(h)**
9. Parking or leaving a vehicle or trailer within a **developed recreation site, Redfish Lake Complex, or Stanley Lake Complex**, at the same site or within a 30 mile radius of the same site, for more than 10 days within a 30 day period. **36 CFR 261.58(h)**
10. Parking or leaving a vehicle or trailer off road other than within a **developed recreation site, Redfish Lake Complex, or Stanley Lake Complex**, at the same site or within a 30 mile radius of the same site, for more than 10 days during any 30 day period between May 1st and September 15th, and 16 days during any 30 day period between September 16th and April 30th. **36 CFR 261.56**
11. Possessing, parking, or leaving more than 2 vehicles, except motorcycles or bicycles per camp unit in a developed campground or in excess of the posted vehicle capacity at those camp units designated as a multiple family units. **36 CFR 261.58(i)**

Boating and Swimming Restrictions:

12. Swimming in an area marked for navigation by the County in accordance with State Law. **36 CFR 261.58(k)**
13. Swimming within 50 feet of a public boat dock used for the purpose of loading or unloading motor boats. **36 CFR 261.58(k)**
14. Possessing or operating a motorboat on the surface of the Salmon River upstream from the Torrey's Boat Ramp, or on the surface of Little Redfish, Yellow Belly, and Perkins Lakes. **36 CFR 261.58(n)**
15. Operating a motorboat or any other type of water vessel in a manner that would violate any county ordinance or state or federal law. **36 CFR 261.58(n)**

16. Operating a motorboat on **Stanley Lake** in excess of 5 MPH between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M. **36 CFR 261.58(n)**
17. Possessing or using a parasail on Redfish Lake or Stanley Lake. **CFR 261.56**
18. Storing or leaving an unattended boat parked or tied to the shore or any place other than in a designated mooring area. **36 CFR 261.58(p)**
19. Storing or leaving an unattended boat, at the same designated mooring area or within a thirty (30) mile radius of the same designated mooring area for longer than 10 days, within a 30 day period. **36 CFR 261.58(p)**

Salmon River Corridor Boating Restrictions for the Protection of Spawning Salmon:

20. Launching float boating equipment, or going into, or being upon an area adjacent to the Salmon River, including all boating put-ins or take-outs, with float boating equipment, or for any other water related activity when spawning is likely to begin, between August 15th and September 22nd as follows:

August 15th to September 2nd

- a. Buckhorn Bridge to Valley Creek Bridge at Stanley
- b. Mormon Bend Boat Launch to the confluence with the Yankee Fork
- c. Torrey's Hole boat launch to the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth NRA

August 29th to September 2nd

- a. Lower O'Brien Campground to 1/2 mile downstream (mandatory portage)
- b. Snyder Springs boat ramp to the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth NRA

September 3rd to September 22nd

- a. Sawtooth Fish Hatchery to eastern boundary of the Sawtooth NRA. **36 CFR 261.53(a)**

21. Going into or being upon a reach of the Salmon River designated as a Quiet Zone between August 15th and August 28th and causing unnecessary noise; striking the water or splashing except as necessary for paddling to navigate the deepest channel; getting out of the boat; grounding the boat; or engaging in any other water related activities. This constitutes molesting listed fish species and is a violation of **36 CFR 261.8(a)**
22. Launching or removing float boating equipment from the Salmon River at a location other than a designated river access site (put-ins and take-outs). **36 CFR 261.58(r)**
23. Launching float boating equipment or going into or being upon the Salmon River without a "Salmon River Self-Registration Permit" in possession of at least one member of the float group. **36 CFR 261.58(k)**

DEFINITIONS

Boat – a small vessel propelled on water by oars, sails, or an engine.

Float boating equipment - Any device by which any person(s) may be transported in or upon a body of water; such as, but not limited to rafts, boats, catarafts, air mattresses, inner tubes, hard shell kayaks, inflatable kayaks, canoes, etc.

Water related activities - Any activity which may be commenced by any person(s) traversing a body of water such as, but not limited to, wading, swimming, water play, etc.

Designated river access sites - As defined in the Salmon River Corridor Record of Decision (May 1996), these access sites are posted along the river corridor and include Buckhorn Bridge, Salmon River Bridge, Four Aces, Mormon Bend, Yankee Fork, Elk Creek, Kayaker Take-out just below The Narrows, Torrey's Hole, Whiskey Flats, and a take-out near Mile post 208.5.

Developed recreation site - campground, picnic area, day use area, boat ramp, or beach at a designated swimming area.

Camping - The temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure.

Camping Equipment – the personal property used in or suitable for camping, and includes any vehicle used for transportation and all equipment in possession of a person camping.

Campsite – A site used for the purpose of camping. Campsites may be fee or non-fee.

Dispersed campsite or area – A campsite or area on the National Forest outside of a campground where camping is allowed but no services are provided and no fee is applied.

Designated dispersed campsite or area – A campsite or area on the National Forest where camping is allowed only in signed designated sites and some amenities may be provided. A fee may or may not be applied.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

Note: Maps identifying specific areas for the above prohibitions are displayed as Exhibits A through D, and are attached to, and made part of this Order, all within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, Custer, Blaine and Boise Counties, Idaho.

Big Wood River Watershed (Exhibit A) – The lands and waters of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area within the Big Wood River watershed accessed from State Highway 75 excluding the Hemingway-Boulder Wilderness Area. Further described as the area from the Southern boundary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, approximately 7 miles North of

Ketchum, Idaho, and within Township 5 North, Range 17 East, Section 3, to the Galena Summit located within Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Section 7.

Stanley Lake Complex (Exhibit B)– Area located approximately 5 miles west of Stanley, Idaho and accessed from State Highway 21 via Forest Road #455 and is further described as that area, including the lands and waters, within the Stanley Lake Creek drainage on the south side of State Highway 21 to approximately ¼ mile upstream of the inlet to Stanley Lake; including the area within ¼ mile of Stanley Lake and Forest roads #455, #638, #640, and #640A. Located in Township 11 North, Range 12 East, S ½ Section 22, S ½ Section 23, E ½ Section 25, N ½ Section 26, Section 27, S ½ Section 28, Section 33, and N ½ Section 34, Boise Meridian, Custer County, Idaho.

Redfish Lake Complex (Exhibit C) – Area located approximately 5 miles south of Stanley, Idaho accessed from State Highway 75 via Forest Road #214 and further described as the lands and waters, within the Redfish Lake Creek drainage on the south side of State Highway 75 upstream of the inlet to the Sawtooth Wilderness Area boundary (approximately 6 miles); including the area within ¼ mile of Redfish Lake and Forest roads #213, #214, and #214A. Located in Township 9 North, Range 13 East in Section 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22 and Township 11 North, Range 12 East in Section 22, 26, 34, 35, Boise Meridian, Custer County, Idaho.

Salmon River Corridor (Exhibit D) - Salmon River, (aka Upper Main Salmon River) from Holman Creek at the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, located within Township 11 North, Range 16 East, Section 25, upstream approximately 31 miles to about 1 mile upstream of the Buckhorn Roadside Rest stop (to the fish weir across the Salmon River at the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery), located within Township 10 North, Range 14 East, Section 36, Boise Meridian. The area described is within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, and Custer County, Idaho.

Salmon River Quiet Zones include reaches of the Salmon River referred to as “Indian Riffles” between Lower O’Brien Campground and .5 miles downstream at the designated put in for the mandatory portage; and “Torrey’s Hole” between Snyder Springs boat launch and Torrey’s Hole boat launch.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Forest Service administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

PURPOSE:

This Order replaces order numbers 04-14-04-077, 04-14-04-051, and 04-14-04-007, which restrict occupancy and use within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

This Order is needed to update and consolidate direction contained in prior orders. It is also needed to address competition for highly valued recreation sites, to align restrictions for use of shared waterways also under State and County jurisdiction, to address public safety, to protect Snake River spring and summer Chinook salmon, and to implement management actions called for in the Big Wood River Travel Plan.

Existing stay limits, including camping, parking and mooring, within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area vary widely across the unit, and competition for highly valued sites continues to grow. This Order will change the stay limit for camping, parking, and mooring to 10 days. This is expected to provide more opportunities for more individuals, at the most popular sites during the busiest time of year. It will also allow for longer periods of stay at dispersed sites during the fall and spring when the demand for sites is less. New restrictions are necessary to provide equal access to NFS lands, and waters where management of the natural resources and public uses of Redfish and Stanley Lakes is shared with the Idaho Department of Lands and Custer County. These use restrictions are consistent with other geographic areas within the Sawtooth NRA and the adjoining Ketchum District.

This Order is also needed for the protection of the Snake River spring/summer Chinook Salmon, a threatened species, and their redds (spawning nests), and to best meet the mandates for the management of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area per the Salmon River Corridor Record of Decision (May 1996), the Decision Notice and Findings of No Significant Impact for the Salmon River Corridor Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance Environmental Assessment (April 2004), and associated consultations under the Endangered Species Act. redds have been observed within the area described. Due to the actual location of observed redds, portage opportunities to allow for spawning activity and red protection are not always viable for float boating.

Finally, it is needed to protect the land and resource conditions by the implementation of the Big Wood River Travel Management Plan (August 2018). Currently motorists are allowed to drive cross-country 300 feet off of any designated route for the purpose of dispersed camping. The growing number and size of campsites as well as the numerous unauthorized roads associated with camping have created widespread impacts along streams and within riparian areas as well as loss of vegetation in meadows. Non-motorized access to dispersed campsites will not be affected by this decision.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Location maps identifying the above described occupancy and use restrictions are attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7).]

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office, Jerome, ID, 208-423-7500, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters, 208-727-5000, or the Stanley Ranger Station, Stanley, ID, 208-774-3000.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described Areas.

Done at Jerome, ID this 3rd day of August, 2020.

JIM DEMAAGD
Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Occupancy and Use

Sawtooth National Forest
Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Background - The overall management goal for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is to manage the land to protect and preserve the values described in Public Law 92-400. Occupancy and use restrictions are necessary to prevent deterioration of those land and resource values that enhance this area as a National Recreation Area.

Order # 0414-04-134 reflects modifications made to prohibitions in the following three orders, the Salmon River Corridor Record of Decision, and the Big Wood Travel Plan Decision Memo.

- Sawtooth NRA Lake Complexes Occupancy and Use Special Order # 0414-04-007, signed August 1999
- Sawtooth NRA Occupancy and Use Special Order # 04-14-04-051, signed October 1999
- Salmon River Corridor Area Occupancy and Use for Resource Protection Special Order # 04-14-04-077, signed August 2004

The current occupancy and use prohibition (Order # 04-14-04-051) under camping states that a person or group of persons camping together may not relocate within the same developed recreation fee site (campground) for 14 days after utilizing the 10 day stay limit during any successive period. In an undeveloped non fee campsite, a camper or group of persons may not relocate within a distance of ten (10) miles of their original campsite for a 14 day period after utilizing the 16 day stay limit north of Galena Summit. The order also states a camper or group of persons camping in any undeveloped non-fee campsite south of Galena Summit may not relocate anywhere on the Ketchum Ranger District or the Sawtooth National Recreation Area's non-fee sites for a 14 day period after utilizing the 16 day stay limit during any successive period. The same order continues to state that a camper or group of persons camping together may not relocate within a distance of 5 miles of their original undeveloped non fee campsite for 14 days after utilizing the 10 day stay limit during any successive period within the Salmon River Corridor.

Intent of Order - This Order (#0414-04-134) is needed to update and consolidate direction contained in prior orders. It is also needed to address competition for highly valued recreation sites, to address public safety, to protect Snake River spring and summer Chinook Salmon, to implement management actions called for in the Big Wood River Travel Plan, and to align restrictions with state law and county ordinances. Changes to the existing stay limit are intended to address competition for popular parking and camping areas and simplify the confusing array of regulations that currently exist within the Sawtooth NRA. It is also the intent of this order to establish consistency with regulations currently in place with the State, County, and neighboring Ketchum District. Changes will enhance recreation experiences by providing more turnover in parking, camping, and boating opportunities and thus more opportunity to utilize popular areas. The Order will impose safety measures that will reduce potential injury or property damage

resulting from unregulated use of lakes and rivers. Restrictions tied to the Salmon River Corridor will continue to be consistent with the Final Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision for the Salmon River Corridor dated May 1, 1996.

Enforcement Plan - Sawtooth National Recreation Area staff will continue to post and maintain on the ground signing, issue press releases, and distribute the message via social media that reasonably bring these prohibitions to the attention of the public. Law Enforcement Officers, Forest Protection Officers, and other Sawtooth NRA staff will patrol areas to inform users, gain compliance, and take enforcement action on persons not in compliance with these orders.

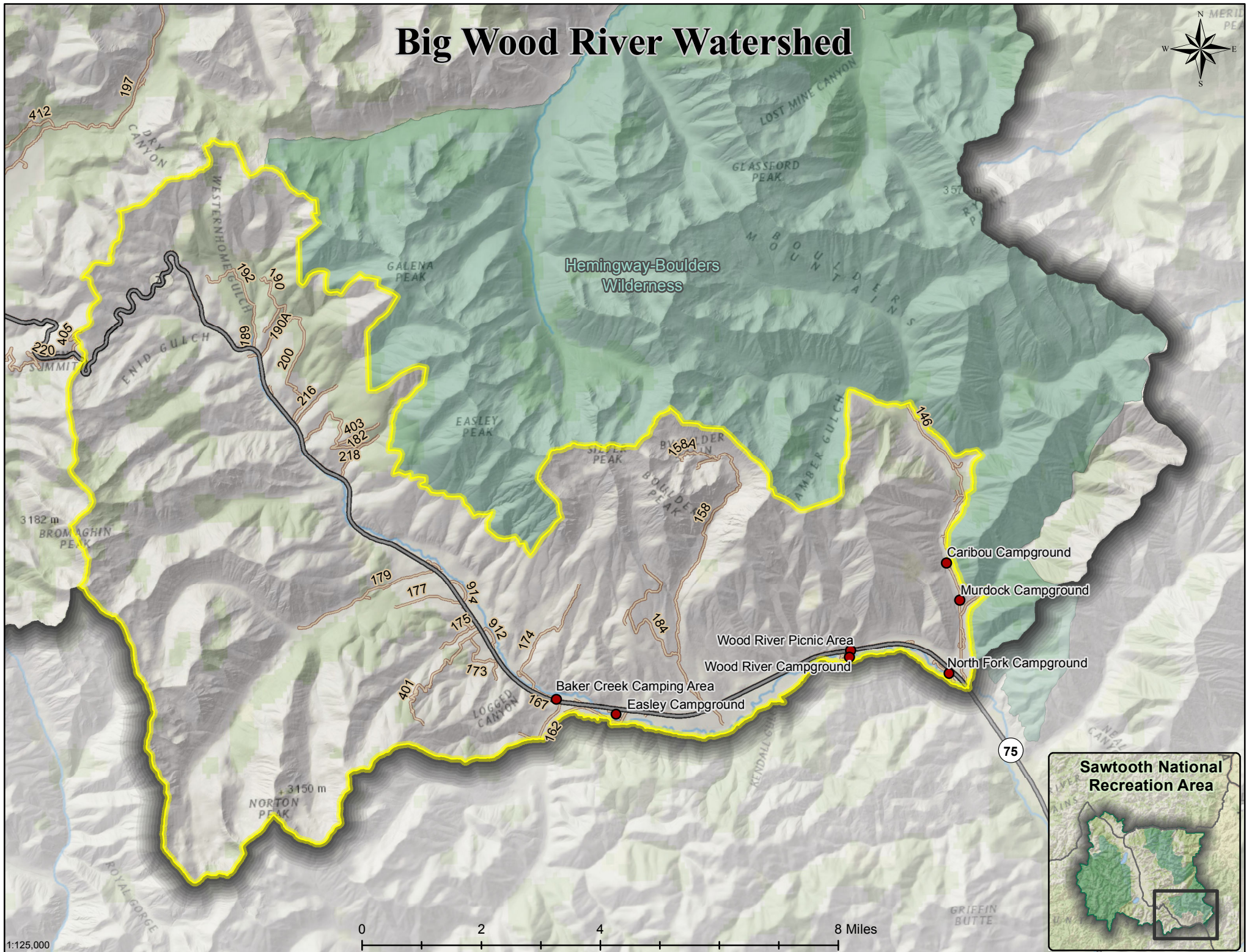
<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed Order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	4/16/2020
Review proposed Order	Supervisory LEO	5/27/2020
Review proposed Order	R4 LEI & OGC	6/30/2020
News release of closure order	PAO	As needed
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	When Signed
Field patrols will be made routinely to educate and obtain compliance and maintain signs.	Forest Staff, FPOs, LEO and field going personnel throughout the closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:

JIM DEMAAGD
Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

DATE

Big Wood River Watershed

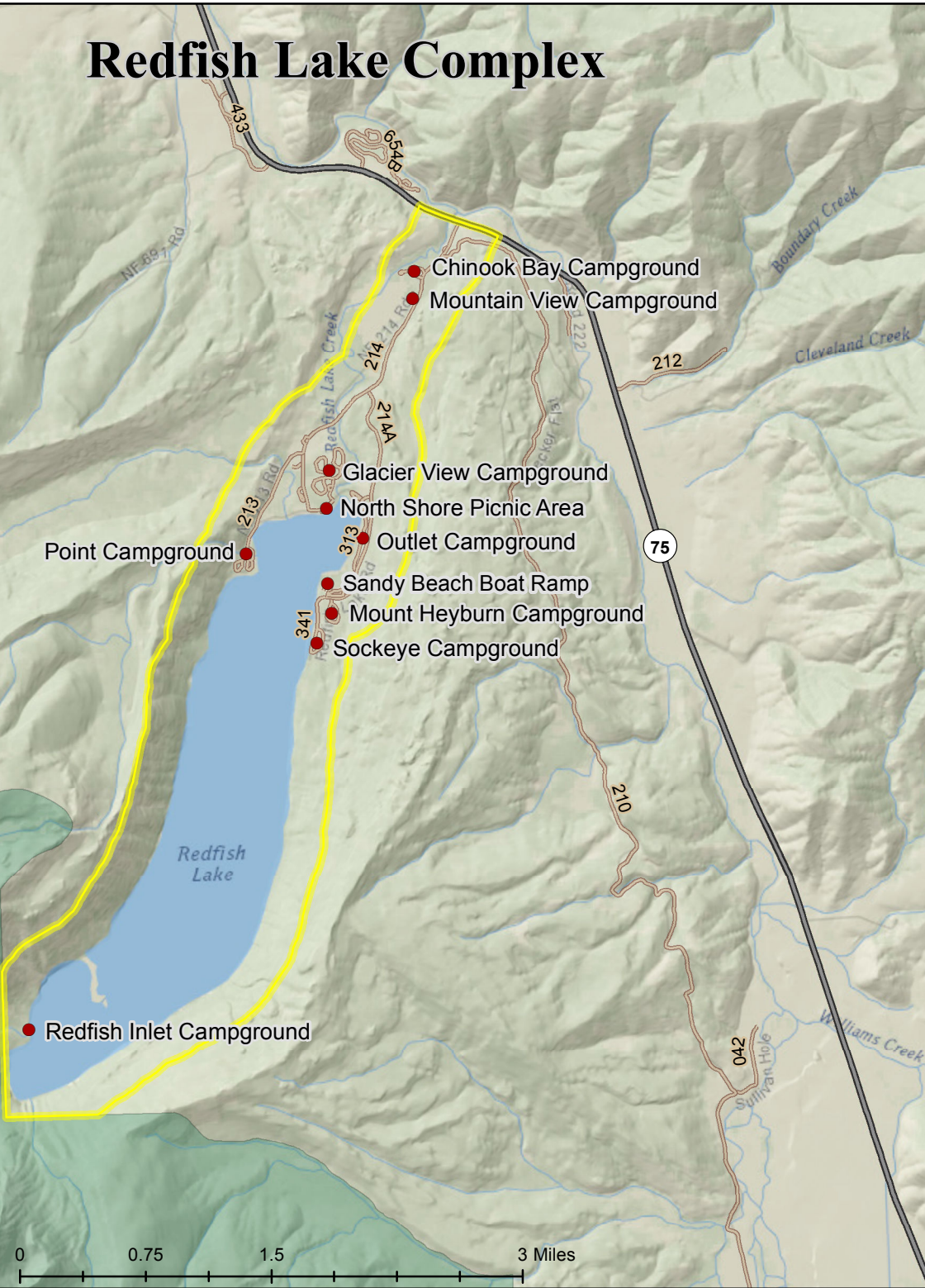


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Redfish Lake Complex



Sawtooth Wilderness

Redfish Lake

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Chinook Bay Campground

Mountain View Campground

Glacier View Campground

North Shore Picnic Area

Outlet Campground

Sandy Beach Boat Ramp

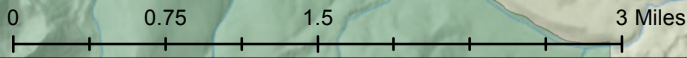
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Sockeye Campground

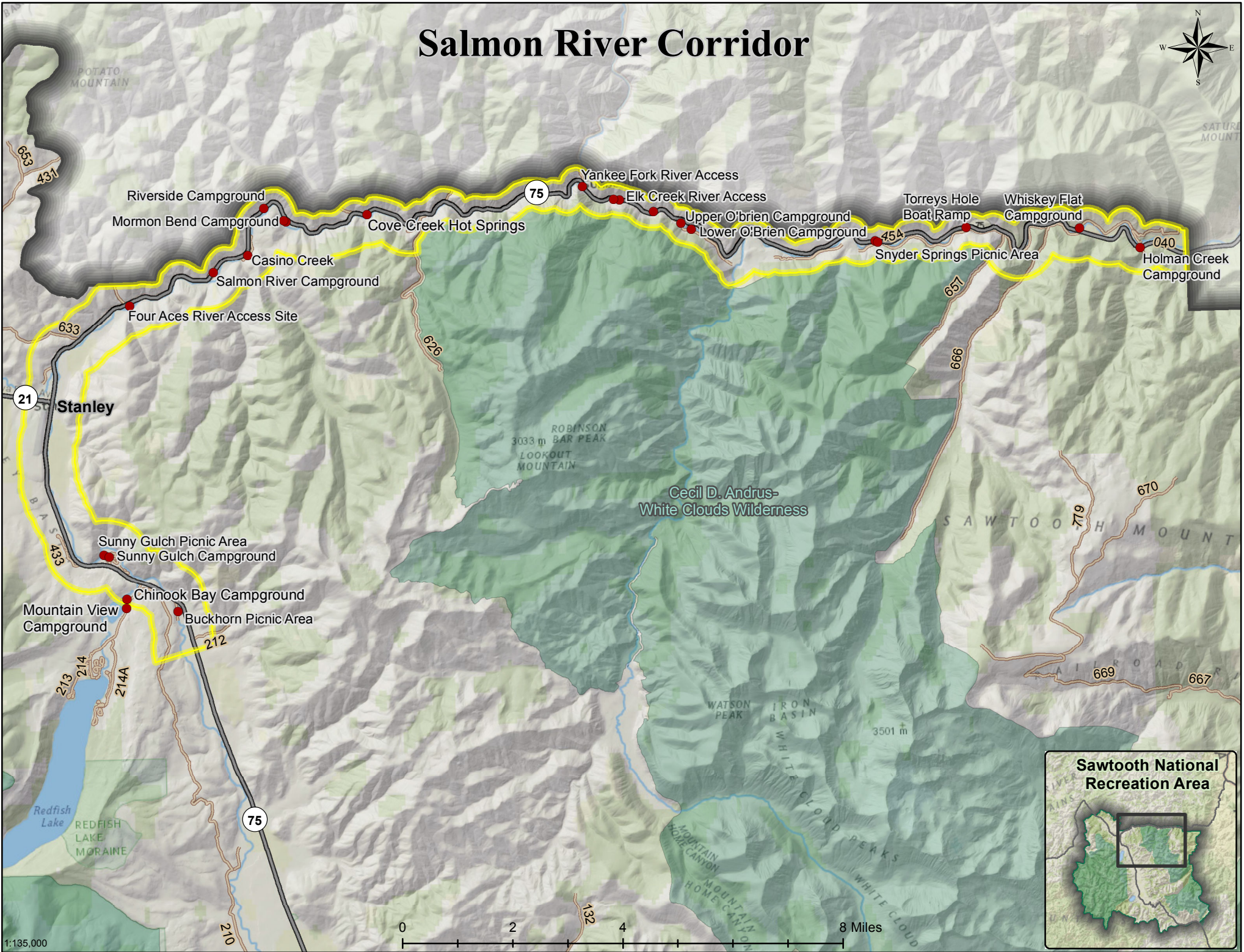
Redfish Inlet Campground



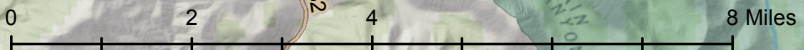
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Salmon River Corridor



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Stanley Lake Complex



Stanley Lake Boat Launch and Trailhead

Stanley Lake Campground

Sawtooth
Wilderness

Sawtooth National
Recreation Area

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