Sharing in a Sustainable Recreation Future for Idaho National Forests

The Forest Service is a huge part of Idaho

40% of Idaho's land is Forest Service managed

20.4 million acres in 10 National Forests

1,473 Developed recreation sites

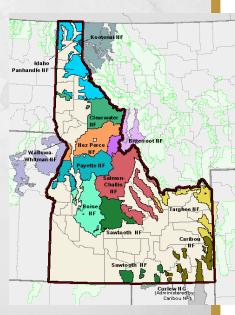
45 Ranger Districts

5.3 million visits to Idaho's National Forests in 2018

23,150 miles of trails (winter & summer)

National Forests in this State:

- Bitterroot-R1
- Boise- R4
- Caribou- Targhee- R4
- Idaho Panhandle- R1
- Kootenai- R1
- Nez Perce-Clearwater- R1
- Payette- R4
- Sawtooth- R4
- Salmon- Challis- R4



Outdoor Recreation is Essential to Idaho's Economy

\$7.8 billion in consumer spending

78K direct jobs

\$2.3 billion in wages and salaries

\$447 million in state and local tax revenue

In addition to 10 National Forests Idaho has...

- 1 National Preserve
- 2 National Monuments
- 30 State Parks

Top 3 Recreation Activities in Idaho



1. Hiking



2. ATV Riding



3. Hunting



"Across Idaho, collaboration and coordination leads to a state defined by its natural setting and outdoor opportunities, attracting millions of visitors and contributing to residents' quality of life." -Idaho SCORP 2018

Challenges and Opportunities

Potential Challenges to the Future of Recreation in Idaho

- Population Growth
 - Increase in urban cities
 - Decrease in rural communities
- Increase in demand for outdoor opportunities
- Low capacity by agencies, and recreation professionals to facilitate rising demands
- · Developments in new technologies
 - Online resources/social media
 - Increased popularity in E-bikes, UTVs, and drones



Deferred Maintenance for Idaho's National Forests is nearly \$10.7 million in 2019.

While the population and recreation demands are increasing, the ability to maintain trails and facilities to an acceptable standard is decreasing.

Idaho Residents are Getting Involved

On the five Region 4 forests located in Idaho in 2018 there were...

1536 Volunteers

228 Partnership & Organization Agreements

36 Youth Conservation Corps

111,500 Total Hours

Sharing With Our Partners

There are hundreds of outdoor retailers in Idaho...

For many states across the country, outdoor recreation businesses play an essential role in the outdoor industry. This is an opportunity for them to be part of sharing in a sustainable recreation future in Idaho.

Ketchum Ranger District Trail Crew, Sawtooth NF

The Ketchum Trail Crew working with our many partners were able to maintain 276.2 miles of trail, remove 1,327 trees from trails, install or clean 483 drains, brush 130,714 feet of trail and improve 29,116 feet of trail on the Ketchum Ranger District for the Summer of 2019.



Pole Creek Guard Station Roof Restoration Project

As part of a Passport in Time Project, volunteers helped restore the Pole Creek Guard Station's roof. This project could not have been made possible without the help of our volunteers. We thank them for all their hard work in keeping the history of the Sawtooth National Forest alive.