



USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

Did You Know:

Safety Tips!

"Build fires in a safe area. Check to know whether there are fire restrictions in place before starting a campfire. You could be fined if you start a fire in a restricted area."



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The Intermountain Region Safety and Health Program

The Intermountain Region Safety and Health office provides guidance and expertise in executing a comprehensive program across 12 National Forests. In close collaboration with full time safety managers on nearly every forest in the region, we strive to support regional employees and programs in the delivery of the mission with the best possible outcomes.

The safety program in the Intermountain Region continues to improve and grow as Forest Service leaders recognize our greatest asset is our employees. The region has an active regional safety council. The council works with the full time safety managers in the region to conduct safety and health program audits, which in turn are used to shape the priorities of the regional action plan.

Our safety program is built around learning and resilience as foundational tenants of how we operate. Our safety managers continue to provide leadership and expertise in shaping the agencies culture of learning and operational risk management.

As the agency adjusts business processes to meet our mission goals, the hazards to employees continues to be a moving target that must be actively managed and what better way to manage then through knowledgeable forest leaders and safety managers.