

DRAFT Recreation Action Items

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| OHV/Travel management | Identify and designate motorized and nonmotorized recreation roads, trails, and areas (<i>closed to motorized use unless posted open</i>). | Provide opportunities for both groups to enjoy their activities without conflict or resource impacts (<i>particular impacts on fish and wildlife</i>). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use Forest Service Designation Process or "winter recreation coalition" model 2. <i>Include in travel planning process currently underway</i> | Moderate - High | Forest Service | High: 1-3 years | User Groups |
| Recreation Uses/Visitor Services | Install winter toilet facilities in key recreation areas. | Increase winter recreation opportunities by improving visitor comfort and convenience; Improve health and safety | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key areas 2. Identify design 2. Secure funding 3. Implement | High | Forest Service with Idaho Parks and Recreation | Moderate: 2-5 yrs | Implementation schedule |
| Recreation Uses | Designate use areas for personal water craft on Redfish Lake. | To reduce future conflict of recreation uses on Redfish Lake | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a proposal 2. Conduct appropriate public process in cooperation with Custer County Commissioners 3. Complete designations and inform users accordingly | Low | Custer County Marine Board with Forest Service | Moderate: 2- 5 yrs. | User surveys and recorded observation thru Forest Service and Redfish Lodge partnership |
| Recreation Uses/Visitor Services | Build warming huts and overnight huts in key areas, and connect with existing hut system. | Increase, and disperse, winter recreation opportunities by improving visitor comfort and convenience in key areas | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify locations 2. Secure funding/partnerships 3. Construct huts 4. Create information brochures/maps | Moderate | Forest Service; Outfitter/Guide Licensing Board; Outfitters. | Low: 5+ years | Setting short and medium term goals with evaluation. |
| Visitor services | Explore means to reimburse counties for search and rescue and emergency service expenses not recovered from the user. | Recognize the high cost of SAR to the counties and try to find a way to lessen the burden on them for services to non residents. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convene working group (Blaine and Custer Counties, Forest Service, Congressional and state delegations); 2. Develop proposal; 3. Draft and pass legislation. | Moderate | Counties | High: 1-3 years | Setting goals with evaluation |
| OHV/Travel management | Create a peer-group to assist law enforcement officers by monitoring compliance with FS travel and other regulations, especially on weekends and hunting season. | Increase effectiveness of law enforcement and user education efforts for motorized travel | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest Service and county Law Enforcement initiate contacts with OHV groups for interest 2. OHV group takes on leadership and organizers peer-group | Low | OHV Group with Forest Service | High: 1-3 years | Set up monitoring and evaluation process |

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| OHV/Travel management | Increase the number of trained individuals enforcing FS travel and other regulations, especially on weekends and hunting season. | Improve visitor experience and reduce resource damage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify needs 2. Solicit appropriate funding with FS, IDFG, OHV groups and other partnership funds 3. Acquire personnel and train appropriately | Moderate | Forest Service with Idaho Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation | High: 1-3 years | Forest Service and others. Measure amount of resource damage. |
| Visitor services | Create a new visual identity for the Sawtooth NRA and improve availability and quality of visitor information at portal sites, major trailheads and activity centers, and with the website | Provide easy to understand and up-to-date information, and create an expectation that this is a special place with unique values, opportunities and management. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solicit new designs 2. Identify needs and locations 3. Establish partnerships/obtain funds 4. Create, construct and implement | Moderate | Forest Service with Sawtooth Society | Moderate: 2-5 years | Implementation schedule and user surveys |
| Visitor services | Assess adequacy of recreation infrastructure for future use demand. | Provide adequate recreation infrastructure consistent with Sawtooth NRA core values | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement Recreation Site Facility Master Plan process (<i>only appropriate for existing facilities</i>) 2. <i>Establish objectives that a) maintain existing facilities, b) Assure, modify or relocate facilities that are unsustainable or inappropriately located, c) Determine social and environmental carrying capacity</i> | Moderate | Forest Service | High: 1-3 years | Annual assessment and report |
| Recreation Uses | <i>Create more designated, groomed snowmobile trails for winter recreation</i> | <i>To increase winter recreation opportunities and economic sustainability for local outfitter/guides</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> |
| Recreation Uses | <i>Expand the trail network, particularly in the south end of the valley, by utilizing existing (but currently closed) mining trails and timber roads.</i> | <i>To increase trail recreation opportunities, reduce trail congestion and user conflicts, and provide economic opportunities for local recreation-based businesses</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> |
| Recreation Uses | <i>Institute trail user fees</i> | <i>To provide increased funding for trail maintenance/enhancements</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> |
| OHV/Travel management | <i>Identify areas outside the Sawtooth NRA where OHV use is better suited and encouraged.</i> | <i>To redirect OHV use to areas better suited to handle this kind of recreation use</i> | <i>Through development and application of the "recreation niche" concept</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> |
| Recreation Uses | <i>Increase the number of Forest Service-issued outfitter/guide permits/licenses for snowmobiling/winter recreation</i> | <i>To improve visitor services, and provide economic opportunities for local outfitter/guides</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> | <i>To be determined</i> |

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| Implementation | Identify and support an NGO to compete for funding from all sources, including those that do not allow government agencies to apply for their grants, to support efforts consistent with the Sawtooth NRA organic act, and Vision 20/20. | Fund a greater number of accomplishments completed on the ground and moving us more quickly to our desired conditions. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sawtooth NRA works with NGO to apply for available grant funding. 2. The program area within the Sawtooth NRA would complete most of the grant writing. 3. Agreements would be in place so that 100% of the funding obtained would go to completing work on the ground. 4. The Sawtooth NRA would need to develop strong partnerships with these organizations so that the process does not conflict with completing work on the ground | Moderate | NGO | Moderate: 1-10 years | NGO and Sawtooth NRA |