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STANLEY, IDAHO— The Sawtooth Society's annual fundraiser, the Sagebrush Soiree, will take place on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Fisher Creek Ranch. This year's theme, "Boots and Bling," will be an evening of rustic elegance including cocktails and dinner. In addition, this year's Soiree will feature live bluegrass music along with the gala's silent and live auctions with items ranging from getaways to Provence, France and Corsica, Spain to incredible river trips and featured artwork by nationally known artists.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. where guests can take in the great vistas of the Salmon River and the Sawtooths, mingle with Sawtooth Society members and supporters while sampling refreshing cocktails, wines and local beers with delectable passed hors d'oeuvres while perusing a silent auction tent filled with unique items. A gourmet sit down dinner followed by a live auction will take place at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person and both table and event sponsorships are available.



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This year's "Boots and Bling" benefit has an outstanding array of live auction items with an opportunity to bid on week long stays in a large, historical home off Italy's coast on the isle of Corsica, a house in Provence, France or a condo on Maui. In addition some of the unique outdoor experiences include extended river trips on the Bruneau River, Main Salmon and Middle Fork of the Salmon.

The Sagebrush Soiree is known for its highly sought after dinner packages, which this year include gourmet Dutch oven and Idaho Bounty dinners. Auction items also include collectible paintings from Jill Lear, Susan Perin, Shirley Cleary, Ed Anderson, Linda Lawler and a museum quality bronze provided by David LaMure. Other noted auction items, which should not be missed, include an exceptional, high-end bourbon tasting, full vacation offerings from Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch and Redfish Lake Lodge as well as a package featuring Rocky Mountain Hardware and design by Jennifer Hoey. There are over 60 unique silent auction items to bid upon, including many wine, fishing, hunting and original art items exclusively for the Sagebrush Soiree benefit.

"Every year this incredible gathering of people from throughout Central Idaho and across the nation, comes together for this very fun and high energy event," said Sawtooth Society Executive Director Gary O'Malley. "In part its popularity is due to the array of unique and one-of-a-kind live and silent auction items provided by our generous donors, but it is also because attendees know that all of the proceeds go to helping the Society help the Sawtooth NRA—an area we all love. I would encourage everyone who cares about the Sawtooth NRA to attend, in your cowboy boots if you have some."

The Sawtooth Society's mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Formed in 1997, is the only non-profit group dedicated exclusively to serving as an advocate for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, preserving open space in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and enhancing its recreation facilities and services. The Sawtooth Society has funded over 160 recreational-related projects throughout the Sawtooth National Recreation Area — a true gem of Idaho.

For tickets and information, or to place an absentee bid, contact the Sawtooth Society Executive Director Gary O'Malley at (208) 721-2909 or email gary@sawtoothsociety.org.