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STANLEY, IDAHO—Supporting the Sawtooth Society is safe keeping the Sawtooth National Recreation Area for the future while enjoying the incredible beauty and recreation it offers for the present. The Sawtooth Society’s Sagebrush Soiree is the organizations yearly benefit, which helps raise awareness and funds for the Society’s work.

For 2016, the Sagebrush Soiree will take place on Saturday, July 30, at the Nickum Home at Shaw Mesa in the Sawtooth Valley. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. This year’s theme, “Celebrating the Wilderness,” 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. Here’s another “sneak preview” of a few wonderful auction items being offered at this year’s benefit:

### **Legendary white water rafting and Bourbon for 2**

- Far and Away Adventures of Sun Valley is hosting “Bourbon on the Middle Fork”, August 11 to August 16th 2017, combining whitewater rafting, fishing and the outfitter’s signature safari-style luxury camping with gourmet meals, fine wine and nightly bourbon tastings and educational aspects coordinated by two bourbon connoisseurs from the Sawtooth Society, Wes Wills and Gary O’Malley.

### **Bourbon tasting experience for up to 16 with Carrie Van Winkle Greener at the spectacular White Cloud Ranch**

- Hosted at the new White Cloud Ranch, perched above the Salmon River, with tremendous views of the White Cloud and Sawtooth Mountains, you and up to 15 guests will relax and take in the grandeur.

### **Wood Horse Drawn Sleigh**

- You can be the proud owner of an antique wooden sleigh that was handcrafted over 100 years ago. Completely and lovingly restored by the Amish in Pennsylvania, it has been stored inside to preserve its beauty and integrity. This is a memory-maker that your children and grandchildren will love and you will cherish for decades to come! Included are the wooden bars that attach the sleigh to the horse.

### **Private tour of the Navy SEAL Base in Coronado/San Diego for 6**

- You and five others will be treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Navy SEAL base in Coronado by a SEAL Team officer. Discover what it's like to be a SEAL; where these unprecedented warriors train; and just why BUDS Hell Week is so legendary. You'll be indoctrinated into SEAL lore and legend and when the tour is completed, it includes a round of drinks at an undisclosed Navy SEAL bar in Coronado.

**Mesh Gallery Pick 4 from Sawtooths, Boulders, White Clouds, Lost River, Smoky, and Pioneers**

- Your choice of any four pieces, one each from the four talented artists that showcase their art at MESH Gallery – Ed Cannady, Tory Taglio, Tessa Sheehan and Jeffrey Lubeck. These pieces are available in a variety of sizes and MESH will even custom-size your selected pieces to fit that perfect spot.

With nearly 100 auction items total, there is a unique item just for you! All proceeds go to the Sawtooth Society's key work 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 175 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](mailto:gary@sawtoothsociety.org).