

# ADVOCATE

Summer 2018

## Bi-Annual President's Letter

Summer in the Sawtooths is once again upon us. For what seems like the first summer in many years the Valley is (thankfully) not inundated with smoke from nearby fires. And, as always, summer is a busy time for those working with and within the Sawtooth Society to protect, preserve, and enhance the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The last year has been an eventful one for the Sawtooth Society.

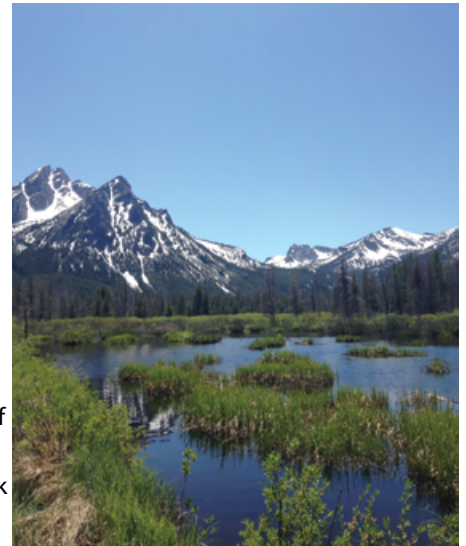
In February Greg Travelstead was promoted from Stewardship Coordinator to Executive Director of the Society. Greg has continued to perform the tasks of Stewardship Coordinator while also assuming the role and responsibilities of Executive Director. Greg has a deep love and respect for the Sawtooth NRA. Under his guidance the Sawtooth Society continues to grow the number of 'boots on the ground' personnel to clear trails and perform multiple maintenance tasks for the Forest Service to enable the ever-growing population of hikers and bikers to enjoy the trails within the Sawtooth NRA with minimal environmental impact. The Society is currently well ahead of its goals for trail clearing for the year. We look to continue to grow our direct impact on the Sawtooth NRA under Greg's steady hand for years to come.

The Sawtooth Society continues to work with the Forest Service and landowners to improve the scenic values within the Sawtooth NRA. This emphasis is embedded in the Society's DNA and will always be an area of major importance to us. After several years of effort, the Sawtooth Society and the Forest Service have jointly printed and released a new booklet titled "Building Within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area – What Works" which can be found on the Society's website at [http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/Private Lands Brochure.pdf](http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/Private%20Lands%20Brochure.pdf). The primary goal of this document is to assist those new to the Valley in understanding what we 'should do' when building to continue to keep the private lands within the Sawtooth NRA in the condition envisioned by the authors of Public Law 92-400 that created the Sawtooth NRA. The Society and the Forest Service held a joint public forum at Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch in early June to present and discuss the new document. It is obvious when driving through the Valley that those who own property and homes here truly love this special place. Our hats go off to everyone who does their part in continuing to keep the private lands within the Sawtooth NRA beautiful.

Another area of continued success for the Sawtooth Society is the administration of grants from Idaho Goat License Plate funds (under an agreement with Idaho Parks & Recreation) to assist other organizations in their efforts to improve the Sawtooth NRA. To date, approximately 200 projects have been funded through this program. A map of the projects is available at [http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/funded\\_projects\\_map\\_a.2017.png](http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/funded_projects_map_a.2017.png). A list of the projects can be found at [http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/funded\\_projects\\_map\\_b.2017.png](http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/Assets/funded_projects_map_b.2017.png). Procedures for applying for grants under this program can be found at <http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/issues>. The Society typically has \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year available from this program to provide to sister organizations. These funds 'pass through' the Sawtooth Society to other organizations without any administrative fees from the Society.

To our many donors and volunteers, we ask you to join us in wishing the Sawtooth Society a HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY! I believe that the Sawtooth Society's mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the Sawtooth Recreation Area continues to be a vital one. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep the Sawtooth National Recreation Area a special, beautiful place that can be enjoyed by all who visit. We hope to see you on the trail!

Wayne Hughes  
President, Sawtooth Society



2018

# Executive Director's Update

It's an honor and privilege to be reporting our progress in preserving, protecting and enhancing the Sawtooth NRA as your new Executive Director. While I remain close to the Stewardship role, and have been blessed to spend many days on projects with our tremendous volunteers this season, I am fully engaged on the policy and advocacy issues so ably navigated by Gary O'Malley over his many years of service to the Society and the Sawtooth NRA. Gary continues as our Director of the Sagebrush Soiree. I hope to meet as many of you as possible there – a grand evening of socializing and supporting our work.

After years of work with the Forest Service, we've jointly drafted and published a revision of the Private Lands literature. It was presented in a public forum in June at Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch, to introduce the changes and the pamphlet. A panel of FS subject matter experts was joined by our own Board member Wes Wills and Custer County Planning Department head Christy

Foster, to field questions from the public after introducing the context and changes to the guidance. The result is a recommendations document entitled "What Works", which emphasizes that many of the suggestions are important, but often voluntary. The interplay between regulations and agency preferences has been clarified. The revised document is available for viewing or download on both our web page and that of the Sawtooth National Forest. We will remain vigilant about inappropriate development issues in the Sawtooth NRA.

Gary has also passed me the baton on the Sawtooth Valley Fire Collaborative, which is being facilitated by Stanley Mayor Steve Botti. I had occasion in late June to tour the Cape Horn area, where the initial phases of active prevention measures are under-way on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and where the Sawtooth NF intends to commence its share of the prevention later this fall. These measures include awarding logging contracts, forest thinning, and

prescribed burning. The collaborative was instrumental in the two national forests receiving over \$2 million in additional funding specifically for the work identified by the collaborative. This phase of the work will take 3-4 seasons. With the Fire Collaborative's learning curve now flattening, we hope that additional phases, and additional funding, will result for our ongoing efforts.

The Sawtooth NRA is now officially part of the Gold-Certified Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, the first in America. I have already met visiting amateur astronomers this summer who were drawn specifically because of this designation. For more information, please visit <http://www.idahodarksky.org/>. Thanks to board member Paul Hill for representing the Society in its formation.

As always, I am at your disposal for a coffee chat or email exchange if you have questions, concerns or comments. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

## VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AUSTIN KRAAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



*Boise Young Professionals at Sawtooth Lake includes the following folks: (l to r) Mike Tashman, Laura Bond, Trevor Hogan, Matthew Dinwiddie, Luis Islas, Madison Warner, Melissa Frates, Jeffrey Woodworth. Greg Travelstead kneeling with trail mascot Ziggy.*



*Sawtooth Mountain Guides at Redfish Lake Lodge includes the following team: (from l to r): Erik Leidecker, Stacey Ward, Chris Lundy, Bill Leavell, and Drew Daly.*





## THE SAGEBRUSH SOIREE IS COMING – DON'T MISS IT!

The Society will host its annual gala dinner and fundraiser on Saturday, July 28th, at Mary and Jim Mitchell's home with its panoramic views high above the Salmon River. This year's theme of "Building Tomorrow's Advocates Today", stresses the importance of teaching youth to get outdoors and become involved in stewardship efforts in the Sawtooth NRA.



*Gather up your friends and come to the Sagebrush Soiree on July 28*

The Soiree is often called the "can't miss" summer event for very good reasons. Attendees will experience a fun and high energy event, enjoy an elegant gourmet dinner and incredible views of the Salmon River, the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains. Plus,

it is a fabulous opportunity to make new friends and acquaint with former colleagues and neighbors. Invite someone today to their first Soiree to learn about the Society's efforts in protecting, preserving and enhancing the Sawtooth NRA and take in the grandeur it has to offer! First time attendees are eligible for a reduced ticket price.



This year there is a wide variety of over 100 unique gifts to be auctioned, in both a silent and live auction, with all proceeds

going to support the core work of the Society and the protection of the Sawtooth NRA. There will be something for everyone!

### A SAMPLING OF THE AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDES:

- Hawaii and Warwick NY area vacation packages
- Multi-day Catalina Island boat cruise
- A Peruvian Horse from River Grove Ranch
- An evening with Charlie Brandt learning about the mob, Jimmy Hoffa and the upcoming blockbuster movie – "The Irishman"
- "Sawtooth Sentinel", a museum quality bronze mountain goat sculpture by David LaMure
- Unique dinners by fine chefs in Boise, Stanley and the Wood River Valley
- Get-aways at Redfish Lake Lodge, Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch and the Limelight Hotel
- Rafting the Middle Fork and Main Salmon Rivers
- A large custom bronze bell by Rocky Mountain Hardware
- Many stunning photographs and original paintings by regional artists
- An unlimited adult ski pass at Sun Valley
- Fine wines, including a one-of-a-kind oversize bottling with Linda Lawler's oil painting on the label
- High-end bourbon and vodka education and tasting experiences, and
- Varied and highly unique recreational opportunities too numerous to list

The date is quickly approaching and space is limited, please call 208.721.2909 now to get your tickets. If you cannot attend but would like to receive the final gift list to place an absentee bid please let us know.



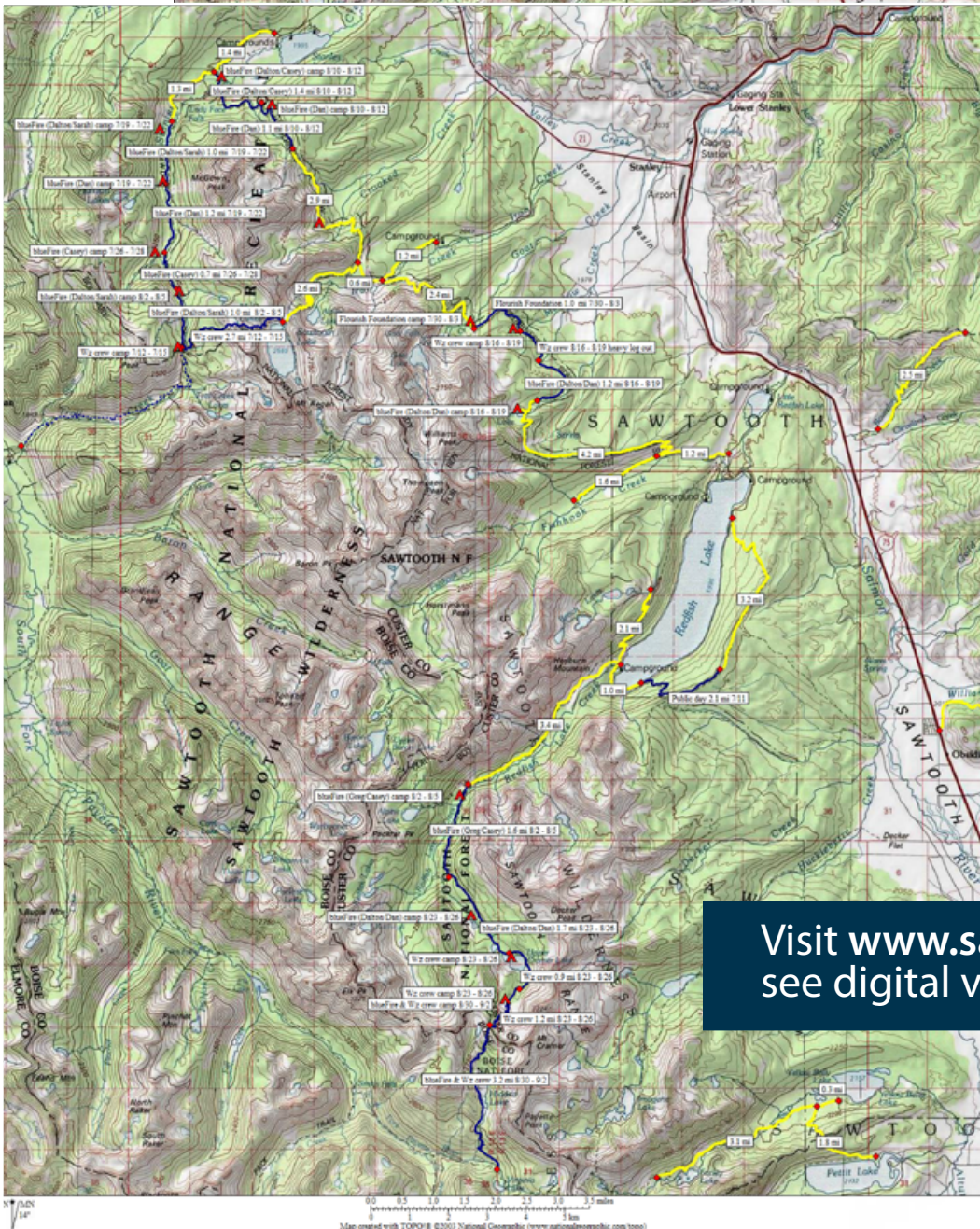
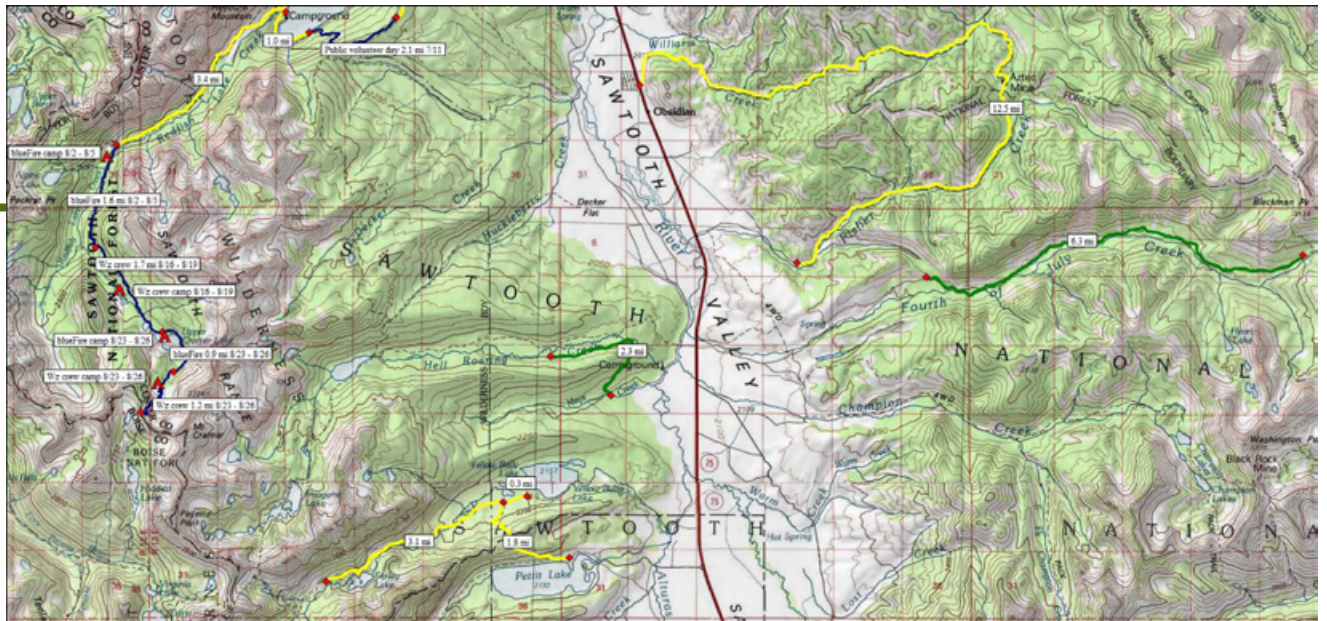
**Attend the Soiree and become part of the effort to protect, preserve and enhance the iconic Sawtooth NRA and treat yourself to an incredibly fun event!**



# TRAIL REPORT

|                                                         |             |             | S Road/Trail #   | Group                     | Date        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Fisher / Williams Loop</b>                           |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Williams Creek TH to Pigtail Creek divide               | ...         | -           | 7104             | College of Idaho          | 5/21 – 5/23 |
| Fisher Creek to Pigtail Creek divide                    | 8.2         | 0           | 70132 & 7332     | College of Idaho          | 6/2 – 6/3   |
| <b>Total Fisher Williams Loop</b>                       | <b>12.6</b> | <b>0</b>    |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Early season access roads</b>                        |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Upper Hell Roaring                                      | 2.3         | 0           | 70315            | Society volunteers        | 6/2 – 6/3   |
| Fourth July                                             | 6.3         | 0           | 70209            | Society volunteers        | 6/2 – 6/3   |
| Pole Creek to Germania Creek Divide                     | 4.2         | 0           | 70197            | Society volunteers        | 6/2 – 6/3   |
| <b>Total early season access roads</b>                  | <b>12.8</b> | <b>0</b>    |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Cabin Creek &amp; Tin Cup TH's</b>                   |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Cabin Creek                                             | 1.1         |             | 7191             | Stewardship training      | 6/9         |
| Yellow Belly Lake to Pettit connector junction          | 0.3         |             | 7096             | Society volunteers        | 6/13 – 6/15 |
| Pettit connector junction to Farley Lake stock camp     | 3.1         |             | 7096             | Society crew              | 6/13 – 6/15 |
| Pettit Lake to Yellow Belly Lake connector              | 1.8         |             | 7041             | Society volunteers        | 6/16        |
| <b>Total Cabin Creek &amp; Tin Cup TH's</b>             | <b>6.3</b>  | <b>0</b>    |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Alturas Lake vicinity</b>                            |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Alpine Creek to campsite                                | 2.1         |             | 7094             | Society crew              | 6/21 – 6/24 |
| Alpine Creek campsite to system trail's end             |             | 0.8         | 7094             | Limelight Hotel           | 7/16        |
| Titus Lake                                              |             | 1.4         | 70188            | Society volunteers        | 7/25        |
| <b>Alturas Lake vicinity</b>                            | <b>2.1</b>  | <b>2.2</b>  |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Redfish Lake vicinity</b>                            |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Fishhook Trail                                          | 2.8         |             | 7186             | College of Idaho          | 5/24        |
| Boundary Cr                                             | 2.5         |             | 7103             | Society crew              | 6/25        |
| Redfish Creek – Baron Creek                             | 2.1         |             | 7101             | Society crew              | 6/26        |
| Sockeye CG to Grand Mogul                               | 3.2         |             | 7045             | Society crew              | 6/27 – 6/30 |
| Marshall Lake Cutoff to Marshall Lake                   | 4.2         |             | 7039 & 7528      | blueFire                  | 6/28 – 7/1  |
| Redfish Inlet toward Grand Mogul                        | 1.0         |             | 7045             | Society crew              | 7/2         |
| Redfish Inlet to Flatrock Junction                      | 3.4         |             | 7101             | Sawtooth Mountain Guides  | 7/7         |
| Redfish Inlet toward Grand Mogul                        |             | 2.1         | 7045             | Society volunteers        | 7/11        |
| Redfish Inlet to Cramer Lakes                           |             | 1.6         | 7154             | blueFire                  | 8/2 – 8/5   |
| Redfish Inlet to Cramer Lakes                           |             | 1.7         | 7154             | blueFire                  | 8/23 – 8/26 |
| Redfish Inlet to Cramer Lakes                           |             | 0.9         | 7154             | Society crew              | 8/23 – 8/26 |
| Cramer Lakes to SF Payette River                        |             | 2.1         | 7154             | blueFire                  | 8/30 – 9/2  |
| Cramer Lakes to SF Payette River                        |             | 1.1         | 7154             | Society crew              | 8/30 – 9/2  |
| <b>Total Redfish Lake vicinity</b>                      | <b>19.2</b> | <b>9.5</b>  |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Iron Creek TH vicinity</b>                           |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| TH to Alpine Way junction                               | 1.2         |             | 7640             | College of Idaho          | 5/25        |
| Sawtooth Lake                                           | 2.6         |             | 7640             | Boise Young Professionals | 6/21 – 6/23 |
| AW junction to Sawtooth/AW junction                     | 0.6         |             | 7528             | blueFire                  | 6/21 – 6/24 |
| Alpine Way toward Stanley Lake                          | 2.9         |             | 7528             | blueFire                  | 7/6 – 7/8   |
| Alpine Way from Iron Creek, Meadow Creek headwaters     |             | 1.0         | 7528             | Flourish Foundation       | 7/30 – 8/3  |
| Alpine Way from Stanley Lake                            |             | 2.5         | 7528             | 2 blueFire crews          | 8/10 – 8/12 |
| Alpine Way from Iron Creek, heavy log out segment       |             | 0.8         | 7528             | Society crew              | 8/16 – 8/19 |
| Alpine Way from Marshall Lake                           |             | 1.2         | 7528             | blueFire                  | 8/16 – 8/19 |
| <b>Total Iron Creek TH vicinity</b>                     | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>5.5</b>  |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Stanley Lake Creek</b>                               |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Stanley Lake to Lady Face Falls                         | 2.7         |             | 7640             | Society crew              | 6/27        |
| Wz Boundary to Sawtooth Lake via McGown Lakes           |             | 2.7         | 7640             | Society crew              | 7/12 – 7/15 |
| Lady Face to Hanson Creek                               |             | 2.2         | 7640             | 2 blueFire crews          | 7/19 – 7/22 |
| Hanson Creek to upper Stanley Lake Creek                |             | 0.7         | 7640             | blueFire                  | 7/26 – 7/28 |
| upper Stanley Lake Creek to McGown Lakes trail junction |             | 1.0         | 7640             | blueFire                  | 8/2 – 8/5   |
| <b>Total Stanley Lake Creek</b>                         | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>6.6</b>  |                  |                           |             |
| <b>White Clouds</b>                                     |             |             |                  |                           |             |
| Big Boulder / Little Boulder Creeks loop                | 0           | 16.5        | 7047,7682 & 7683 | Society volunteers        | 8/8 – 8/12  |
| <b>Total access roads</b>                               | <b>12.8</b> | <b>0</b>    |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Total trails</b>                                     | <b>50.2</b> | <b>40.3</b> |                  |                           |             |
| <b>Grand total roads &amp; trails</b>                   | <b>63.0</b> | <b>40.3</b> |                  |                           |             |





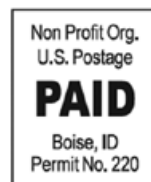
- Map Legend**
- = early season access roads completed
  - = trails completed
  - = planned

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