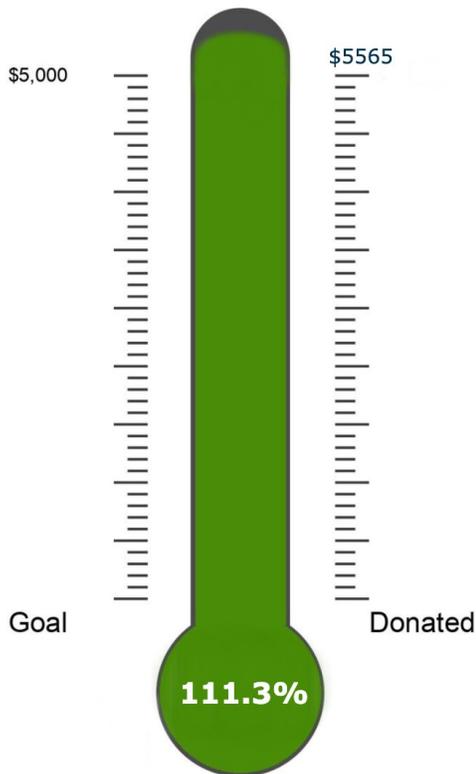


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SUCCESS WITH IDAHO GIVES



We exceeded our goal and raised \$5565 through the generosity of 30 donors. This is more than we have ever received through Idaho Gives! Your gifts will help us gather volunteers to preserve and protect the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

2021 Idaho Gives Donors:

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Ready to hone your adventure?

The Sawtooth Society invites you to “Find Your Wild” at the 2021 Sagebrush Soirée, the Society’s annual fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 24.

This year’s Sagebrush Soirée celebrates the splendor of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. A component of this year’s event is an interactive Field Guide featuring an SNRA bingo card with stamps to check off your summer experiences, wildlife, service, and support stamps.

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OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

FOR THE LOVE OF MUD

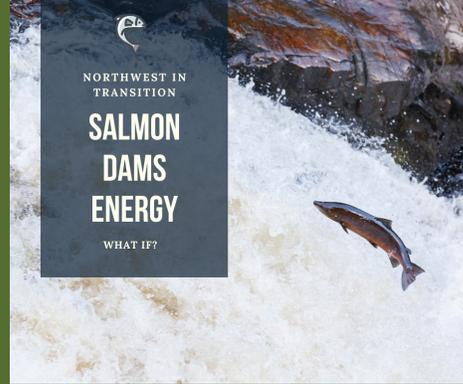
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Hiking & Biking in the Sawtooths

Spring brings with it longer days, warmer temps, and some very muddy trails. While the anticipation of getting back out there might be difficult to resist, there are some precautions the Sawtooth Society would like hikers and bikers to take into consideration.

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Northwest in Transition

A key part of our mission is protecting the fish and wildlife values of the SNRA. Given the imminent threat of extinction of the Snake River salmon, the Sawtooth Society believes it is time to work together to prevent such a catastrophic loss to the local ecosystem, economy, and local communities.

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Welcome new visitors

At the Sawtooth Society, we believe we need to do our part- advocating for Idaho by guiding new visitors towards better practices when recreating in our beloved SNRA and showing what it takes to protect the Idaho mountains. Please enjoy recreating in the SNRA while being a respectful visitor. Learn more at [Sawtooth National Forest - Hiking](#)

Idaho forests saw a staggering increase in visitors last year. This also meant a greater amount of trash, damage to campsites, and an alarming amount of dog feces as well as human waste along trails. Reports of inexperienced hikers and campers abusing their stay times were also on the uptick as people sought refuge from the confines of a pandemic - as well as a reprieve from growing populations within our state. Following is a basic checklist for items often overlooked when hiking in Idaho. We hope you will find it helpful whether you're a seasoned hiker or a newbie exploring the SNRA for the first time.

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Working together

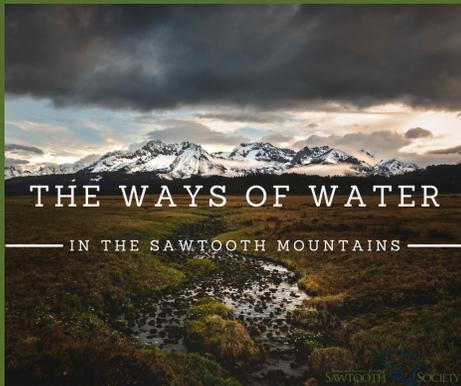
Are you as eager as we are to get outdoors this summer? To find the natural places you love to recharge, refresh, and fill your soul? Perhaps an adventure awaits inspired by John Muir's words "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings"?

While imagining all the wonderful adventures to embark on this summer, consider improving and enhancing your natural surroundings by making a difference as a responsible steward of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). As one of the thousands who seek refuge and recreation in the SNRA by exploring the rivers, forests, mountains, and meadows, we encourage you to give back to these places with a generous gift to the Sawtooth Society.

Your SNRA's future depends on all of us working together to share the responsibility and find ways to be good stewards of the land we love. Your gift to the Sawtooth Society can fulfill your need to preserve the scenic views, protect trails and recreational amenities from overuse, and enhance opportunities for wildlife and human visitors for generations to come.

We need your support more than ever.

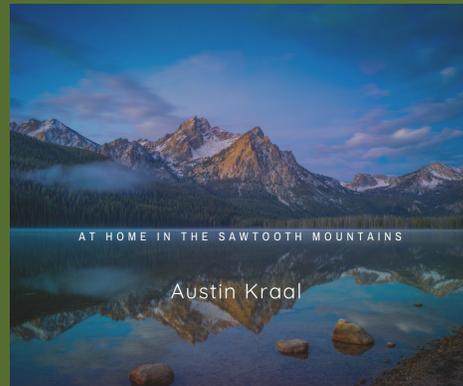
Your support makes it possible to set out on trail maintenance hikes, write letters and make calls to advocate for the land and educate visitors about this incredible place we all love.



The Ways of Water

A complex water system is constantly at work year-round in the Sawtooth Mountains. The ebb and flow of droughts, large snowpacks, and how they affect what is happening below the ground, profoundly impact the SNRA ecosystem.

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Sawtooth Home

Austin Kraal, from Twin Falls, Idaho, was at home in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). Like so many of us, places of nature settled his soul, mind, and entire being – providing him stability and peacefulness. Many of us can relate to needing this kind of solace, especially during recent challenging times.

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900 MILES

— ONE TRAIL AT A TIME —



900 miles -one trail at a time

For over 100 years trails have been carefully created and maintained for our recreational enjoyment. In the 1970s the need increased as more and more people took to the great outdoors. Some national and local programs over the years have helped otherwise short-staffed forest crews. Local communities and non-profit groups also do their part by recruiting help during the short summer season, attempting to get as much accomplished as possible. Without these efforts there simply would not be any trails to enjoy. The Sawtooth Society is one of those groups the USFS relies upon to complete essential trail maintenance for about 150 miles of the 900 miles of trail.

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Spring eats for the Sawtooth elite

It's part of the Sawtooth Society's purpose to preserve and protect the wildlife and the lands that are vital to the many species that inhabit the SNRA. It's through the organization, volunteers, and donations that the wildlife in our Idaho forests can continue to flourish.

The return of the sandhill crane is most notably a sight that brings the weariest of winter inhabitants a feeling of warmer, sun-filled days ahead. Many of the well-known resident creatures of the SNRA begin to emerge, return or shed their winter coats. No matter their biological setting, all come together once again in the warmer months to reap the benefits of this precious ecosystem.

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