



The Sawtooth Society is committed to enhancing your Sawtooth National Recreation Area experience. Become a member and preserve, protect, and enhance the beautiful SNRA.

Visit www.sawtoothsociety.org and join today!

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

Sign up to volunteer on a Sawtooth Society project to preserve, protect, and enhance the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The volunteer program accommodates all ages and welcomes both groups and individuals. We will work with your schedule, skills, and interests to come up with a project that suits you.

DONATE

As a nonprofit organization, the Sawtooth Society relies on donations from charitable foundations and individuals like you, who recognize that the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is a true Idaho gem and a national treasure. Please donate today to help preserve and protect the incredible resources and wildlands of the SNRA for generations to come.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

This program allows a business, organization, or family to apply to adopt a trail and be trained to perform annual trail maintenance and improvements. There are 900 miles of trails in the SNRA and we can use your help to make sure trails are regularly maintained. With the support of the Sawtooth Society, your group can become the guardians of a trail through a hands-on effort using traditional hand tools. To recognize the support from your group, each adopted trail will display the name of the group responsible for its care on a small placard at the trailhead. Additionally, the Sawtooth Society will recognize you on our website and during our annual fundraiser, the Sagebrush Soirée.

FUND-A-TRAIL

Every year, trails suffer winter damage. The Sawtooth Society crews work with the SNRA to clear hundreds of miles of trails. If you can't get out to lift a shovel, you can support those who do. Your support will help us keep up the good work and keep those trails open. Sponsorship gift cards are available to honor family, friends, and employees.

ATTEND THE SAGEBRUSH SOIRÉE

The Sagebrush Soirée, held annually on a Saturday at the end of July in the Sawtooth Valley, is the Society's signature event. The evening includes a specially created dinner and drinks, live music, and an auction and rolling pledge. The Soirée annually produces about 40 percent of the total Society revenues, coming from sponsorships, the auction, ticket sales, and attendees' donations to the rolling pledge. Invitations are sent by mail and followed by email reminders. Tickets sell out every year. Please add your name to our contact list for an invite. We hope you will join us!



GET YOUR GOAT LICENSE PLATE TODAY

100% of the proceeds from the goat plate licenses go toward improving trails, campsites and other recreational facilities in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Ask your friends to get their goat too!



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Formed in 1997, the nonprofit and nonpartisan Sawtooth Society is the only organization dedicated exclusively to protecting, preserving and enhancing the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (SNRA)

Comprises 756,000 acres of public and private land in Central Idaho and is used by outdoor enthusiasts and visitors annually who enjoy:

FISHING in three major rivers and hundreds of lakes and creeks.

HIKING on the hundreds of miles of trails viewing over 40 snow capped peaks above 10,000' and countless lush meadows.

MOUNTAIN BIKING on designated trails and gravel roads.

SKATE SKIING/SNOWSHOEING on scenic trails.

SNOWMOBILING on groomed trails.

VIEWING & PHOTOGRAPHING the vast array of wildlife.

RIVER RAFTING on world-class rivers.

CAMPING in improved and designated camping areas.

ENJOYING the many historic reminders of our pioneer heritage.

The spectacular beauty and varied world-class recreational opportunities are arguably unmatched anywhere in the world. Many come for brief "getaways", others for months on end, but all fall in love with the unparalleled scenic beauty and awe-inspiring solitude.

Congress sought to protect this magnificent area from intense and inappropriate development by creating the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in 1972. The Sawtooth Society works together with the U.S. Forest Service, other agencies and private sector groups to maintain and enhance this jewel and ensure an appropriate balance is struck between the historic, cultural and scenic values of the area, private property rights and the varied uses of the land.

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED...

PRESERVED OPEN SPACE

Stopped the most immediate threat of high-density subdivision development in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area by negotiating the purchase of conservation easements that have both protected the owner's private property rights and the public's interests in preserving open space.

Worked with the Administration and Congress to secure \$20 million in federal funds for the purchase of conservation easements.

ENHANCED RECREATION

Invested more than \$500,000 in private funds on over 175 projects to maintain trails, campsites and other recreational facilities and services.

Contributed to local community organizations like the Salmon River Clinic, Sawtooth Valley Volunteer Fire Department, the Sawtooth Historical and Interpretive Association, Sawtooth Ski Club, Sawtooth Search and Rescue, and Mountain Mamas for a variety of projects to enhance the experiences of and safety for visitors and residents alike. Initiated and continue to provide ongoing management of a special Idaho motor vehicle license plate program—the goat plate—that annually generates thousands of dollars for recreation-related projects in the area.

Led dozens of volunteer projects to rebuild fences, clean-up highways and maintain trails within the SNRA.

Championed access for physically challenged individuals so all can enjoy the Sawtooths.

ADVOCATED FOR ONGOING PROTECTION

Mobilized policymakers and the public to address the threats facing the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, including highly visible surface mining on state-owned lands.

Championed development of a long-term, strategic plan—Sawtooth Vision 20/20—for the management of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. This plan was the result of a collaborative effort by representatives of more than 40 area stakeholder groups and is being implemented and updated each year.

Encouraged the Congress and Administration to alleviate a series of budget cuts to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area's general operating budget.

Established a coalition of public and private organizations to address the risk of catastrophic wildfire in the area.

Published a booklet to increase public understanding and fair application of federal regulations for the use and development of private lands.

Sponsored and conducted educational programs on the area's history, resources and wildlife.

Through an effort led by the City of Stanley, the Sawtooth Society, Blaine County and the City of Ketchum, a portion of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is now designated as a Dark Sky Reserve through the International Dark Sky Association based in Tucson, Arizona. The mission of this designation is to promote these skies as being among the darkest in the country. The Association has no regulatory powers, those are governed by the cities and counties.

