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### **Sawtooth Society Invites License Plate Grant Applications**

Fees collected from the sale of Idaho’s “Goat Plate” by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) are available to fund recreation-related projects in the 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). Non-profit groups and governmental agencies operating in the SNRA are eligible for grants administered by the Sawtooth Society.

Funded under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Sawtooth Society’s License Plate Fund Grants Program awards approximately \$45,000 annually through applications received on a quarterly basis and reviewed for completeness and criteria compliance. Criteria and Applications are available on the Society’s website <http://www.sawtoothsociety.org/issues>

By the end of 2018, the Society had funded or implemented nearly 200 different recreation-related projects and programs that range from public safety services to trail maintenance. One of the grant recipients is Friends of the Sawtooth Avalanche Center. “We exist to serve the public, and it’s nice to know there’s a financial vehicle like the License Plate Fund to help us with our mission,” said Stephanie Eisenbarth, Center Executive Director. “I’m certain that winter recreationists are safer when they use our avalanche forecasts.”

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



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