



ADVOCACY

- Championed access for physically challenged individuals so all can enjoy the Sawtooths by providing maintenance at Fishhook Nature Boardwalk and clearing logs from ADA accessible trails such as Phyllis Lake and Murdock Creek.
- Wrote letters to the Idaho Delegation advocating for the protection of endangered salmon.
- The Sawtooth Society continues to preserve scenic views by advocating for appropriate research and control regarding additional cell towers in the SNRA.
- Wrote two letters to Custer County Planning and Zoning Committee regarding specific legal issues related to an application for conditional use of an airstrip.

COLLABORATION

- Member of the Wood River Valley and Sawtooth National Recreation Area Outdoor Recreation Roundtable. This group is focused on encouraging more collaboration to protect non-motorized trail recreation opportunities.
- Member of the 50th Anniversary celebration committee for the Sawtooth NRA- planning for summer of 2022.
- Member of the Sawtooth Valley Fire Collaborative which brings together the Forest Service and its partners, private property owners, and other community members to address concerns regarding increased wildfire threats.
- The Society continues to collaborate with the Forest Service to provide annual volunteer sawyer training for local organizations.
- The Society continued our decades long oversight of the powerful SNRA license plate fund. We have awarded nearly \$950,000 from proceeds of the sales of the iconic “goat plate” to fund over 230 projects on the SNRA. Recent projects included the purchase of an interpretive sign to educate visitors about the Dark Sky Reserve.

ENHANCING RECREATION VALUES

- Your support helped volunteers and staff provide over 1,000 hours of labor to clear 142 miles of trail, clear access roads in the early season, and update recreation facilities.
- The Austin Kraal Memorial Volunteer Program engaged over 90 youth volunteers. These students performed trail maintenance around the Redfish Inlet, removed noxious Knapweed from Salmon River campground, and aided in the End of Season Clean-Up. These high impact educational stewardship experiences cultivate connection to the land and a shared responsibility for future generations.

ENHANCING RECREATION VALUES (CONTINUED)

- 300 trees were removed from Garland Creek providing access via Rough Creek trailhead. Next year's plan is to establish access through the burn zone from Warm Springs trail.
- Worked with USFS Recreation staff to redesign elements of the Tin Cup Trailhead parking lot to protect the sage steppe while improving flow and access. The project was funded by the National Environmental Education Foundation and executed by Wood River Valley youth volunteers.
- The SNRA End-of-Season Cleanup brought out 160 volunteers to rehabilitate over 160 campsites and remove 105 bags worth of garbage left behind during the busy season.
- In partnership with Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association, the Annual Spring Clean Up gathered residents and seasonal employees to pick up trash along sections of rural highway in the Sawtooth Valley.
- Installed WAG bag dispensers at two busy trailheads, courtesy of Sawtooth Mountain Guides, as part of a collaborative effort to reduce improper human waste.
- Removed trees from Alturas Lake Road to improve visibility and reduce hazard for pedestrians.

ON THE HORIZON

- Today, the biggest threats to the values of the SNRA include the rapidly growing number of visitors, the increasing pressure of development, and of course, the growing effects of climate change which increases wildfire threats and impacts resources, like salmon recovery.
- These challenges are all made more difficult to manage because local, regional, and national USFS budgets have less resources than ever for day-to-day recreational operations and special projects. A key solution is developing partnerships between our local land managers and not-for-profit organizations like the Sawtooth Society and other concerned organizations.
- Next summer we look forward to celebrating two great milestones. The 50th anniversary of the founding of the SNRA and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Sawtooth Society.
- The Sawtooth Society recently began an organization-wide visioning and strategic planning process. Please watch for updates regarding the outcome of this process.

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