

A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- ✓ You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you harvest. Know where harvesting is allowed.
- ✓ Due to the complex life cycle of mushrooms, there are a few things you can do to protect the species in your favorite areas: Leave some of the mushrooms you find.
- ✓ Do not collect mushrooms from previously harvested areas: leave the rest for seed (spores) and food for wildlife. Don't harvest more mushrooms than you need.
- ✓ Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. Raking or other ground disturbances are not allowed when collecting mushrooms. Use a knife to cut the mushrooms or break the stem off at ground level.
- ✓ To minimize the spread of noxious weeds, it is highly recommended to check for weed seeds on trousers and boots before leaving home.
- ✓ Leave the area you use "cleaner than you found it!"
- ✓ Some roads have been closed to protect wildlife and sensitive land resources, provide for public safety, and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off of existing roads, though non-motorized traffic is allowed.
- ✓ Do not drink untreated water from a surface water supply such as a pond, lake, or stream. Bring water from a safe source or bottled water. If you use surface water, use a water filter or boil water vigorously for 3 to 5 minutes.
- ✓ Before you go out looking for mushrooms, tell someone where you are going. Carry a map and compass and know how to use them.



**Remember, it is everyone's
responsibility to practice good
natural resource harvesting !!**

FOREST OFFICES

Personal use permits are available at any of the following Clearwater National Forest Offices.

Kooskia Ranger Station

Rt. 1, Box 398
Kooskia, ID 83539
Phone: 208-926-4274

Powell Ranger Station

Milepost 162, Highway 12
Mailing Address:
Lolo, MT 59829
Phone: 208-942-3113



<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/>

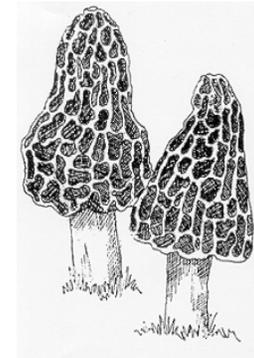
Clearwater National Forest

Supervisor's Office
12730 HWY 12
Orofino, ID 83544
Phone: 208-476-4541

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

MUSHROOM GUIDE

2008



The fires of 2007 could have a dramatic effect on the population of mushrooms in burned areas across the Northern Region of the Forest Service.

This guide will serve to inform you about the forest mushroom policy as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

In forested areas beware of falling snags and stump holes, especially in burned areas. For information about hazards in burn areas, contact your local Ranger District Office.

Free Personal Use harvesting permits are available the Lochsa and Powell Ranger District Offices on the Clearwater National Forest. However, commercial harvest of mushrooms will not be allowed on the Clearwater N.F.

PERMITS, FEES, AND REQUIREMENTS

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

PERSONAL USE: A personal use permit will be required for individuals in the Bridge Fire on the Powell District, and the Boundary Fire on the Lochsa District. This permit allows an individual to harvest up to 5 gallons of mushrooms/day (approximately 2 grocery bags). This permit may be obtained at the Powell and Lochsa Ranger District offices. The permit is valid for the time specified on the permit area. **Permit is required. Mushrooms harvested under this permit must be cut lengthwise at the time of harvesting and are not to be resold commercially.**

Outside of the Boundary and Bridge Fires, incidental amounts (one gallon or less) may be gathered for personal use.

COMMERCIAL USE: Commercial harvest of mushrooms is not scheduled for the Clearwater National Forest.

WEED REDUCTION MEASURES

All mushroom harvesters should be aware of the potential to introduce weeds to the area disturbed by wildfire. One of the most effective actions to reduce the spread of weeds is to wash the undercarriage of your vehicle before entering the fire area.

CAMPING

The 14 day camping limit applies on the Clearwater National Forest.

REMEMBER, WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

- ✓ Pack it in, Pack it out.
- ✓ Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.

- ✓ Human waste may be disposed of by burying a minimum of 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- ✓ Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- ✓ Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- ✓ Understand the fishing regulations because several fishing areas are catch and release only.



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KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!

Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from National Forests. Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the harvester. **Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.** There are many guide books available to assist with identification. Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. Our word to the wise is: **WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!**

Questions and Answers:

Where can I harvest mushrooms?

Personal use permits are available for the Bridge and Boundary Fires. Check with the Ranger District for any specific information and restrictions.

Can I use my OHV to look for mushrooms?

No. Vehicles (including ATV's, 4-wheelers, motorcycles, or bicycles) are not allowed off of Developed Roads. This closure is to provide resource protection to help watershed stabilization and vegetative recovery, to provide security to wildlife populations, and to prevent excessive soil erosion.

Have fun and be safe!

