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**Free Use Mushroom Harvesting Permits Available**

Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from National Forests. Free Use Mushroom Harvesting Permits are now available at the Nez Perce National Forest offices. Free use permits will also be available by the end of April at Tackett Saw Service, Rae Brothers Sporting Goods in Grangeville, and the National Recreation Area (NRA) office in Riggins, Idaho.

Nez Perce free use permits are **NOT** valid for collecting mushrooms in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Charge permits are available from Wallowa-Whitman offices, including the NRA office in Riggins.

**FREE USE permits** allow an individual to harvest up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day and 20 gallons per season. The permit will be valid until April, 2009 and the permittee can harvest anywhere on the Nez Perce National Forest.

A permit is **required** and must be in possession when collecting and/or transporting mushrooms. All harvesters over the age of 12 need a permit and it is not necessary for a permit to be co-signed (parent, guardian, etc.) for minors, age 12 to 17. Children under the age of 12 may collect mushrooms under a parents permit provided the total amount collected does not exceed the 5 gallon limitation.

Mushrooms harvested under this permit **must be cut lengthwise** at the time of harvesting. Cut mushrooms are not suitable for resale.

**COMMERCIAL HARVEST** of mushrooms is not allowed on the Nez Perce National Forest.

A “2008 Mushroom Guide” is available at Nez Perce National Forest Supervisor’s Office and Ranger District offices. The guide is also posted on the forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/passes>

Treaty tribes with reserved gathering rights may remove forest products without a permit. Any tribal

member that can demonstrate their affiliation with the tribe (i.e. Tribal membership card) is allowed to collect free use mushrooms.

For more information, please contact the Supervisor's Office at (208) 983-1950.

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