



## *Nez Perce N.F.* **NEWS RELEASE**



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104 Airport Road  
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### **Welcome 4<sup>th</sup> of July Visitors to the Nez Perce National Forest**

*Grangeville, Idaho* – June 20th marked the first day of summer. These long days of sunshine are melting the snow so you can finally access most of your favorite spots in the forest. If you are looking forward to recreating on the Nez Perce Forest, our offices offer information about campgrounds, roads and trails. Some campgrounds have hosts who can provide information about outdoor attractions in the local area. Chamber of Commerce offices and websites are also good sources for recreation information.

Reserveable camping opportunities may be found by visiting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or calling 1-877-444-6777. Three options are: O'Hara, 7 miles east of Lowell along Selway River Road; Fish Creek Group Site, 1 mile past the Fish Creek Meadows Campground which is 7 miles south of Grangeville; and South Fork Group Use Site # 5 at the South Fork Campground located on Highway 14, east of Grangeville.

Campgrounds with good access and sites for RV campers include O'Hara, Fish Creek, South Fork, Castle Creek and Spring Bar.

Camping is allowed at sites outside developed campgrounds. If you camp at a dispersed site, leave no trace of your stay. Use existing fire rings if available, and pack out your trash.

Whether you choose a developed campground or a dispersed site, your stay is limited to 14 days at any one site.

The Magruder Road #468 is only open 8 miles from the Red River Ranger Station (R.S.) and just past the Magruder Massacre sign from the West Fork R.S. on the Bitterroot National Forest in Montana.

The Moose Creek Visitor Center located at the Fenn Ranger Station on the Selway River Road is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The visitor center will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, be careful, and be responsible with your cigarettes and campfires. Use existing fire rings. Make sure your campfire is completely out when you leave the site.

Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks on public lands is strictly prohibited. The standard fine for violating the fireworks prohibition is \$100, but fines of up to \$5000 and/or six months in jail may be levied against offenders. In addition, anyone found responsible for starting a forest fire may be held liable for fire suppression costs, which could total millions of dollars. Please report violations to the nearest Sheriff's office.

In Grangeville, the Forest Service Office is at 104 Airport Road located north of the truck route and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forest Service offices will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup>. Offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, July 7th.

For additional information call the Nez Perce National Forest Headquarters in Grangeville at 208-983-1950. Or check online at [www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce).

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