

Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, wall bike riding, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing are just a few of the recreation pursuits available on the Montpelier Ranger District.

The area administered by the District involves more than 400,000 acres and includes lands on part of the Cache National Forest as well as the Caribou-Targhee National Forests.

The Montpelier Ranger District also is involved in other multiple use management activities, including the grazing of cattle and sheep; maintaining appropriate habitat for elk, deer, moose, small game and non-game species; phosphate mining, water yield, and timber harvest.

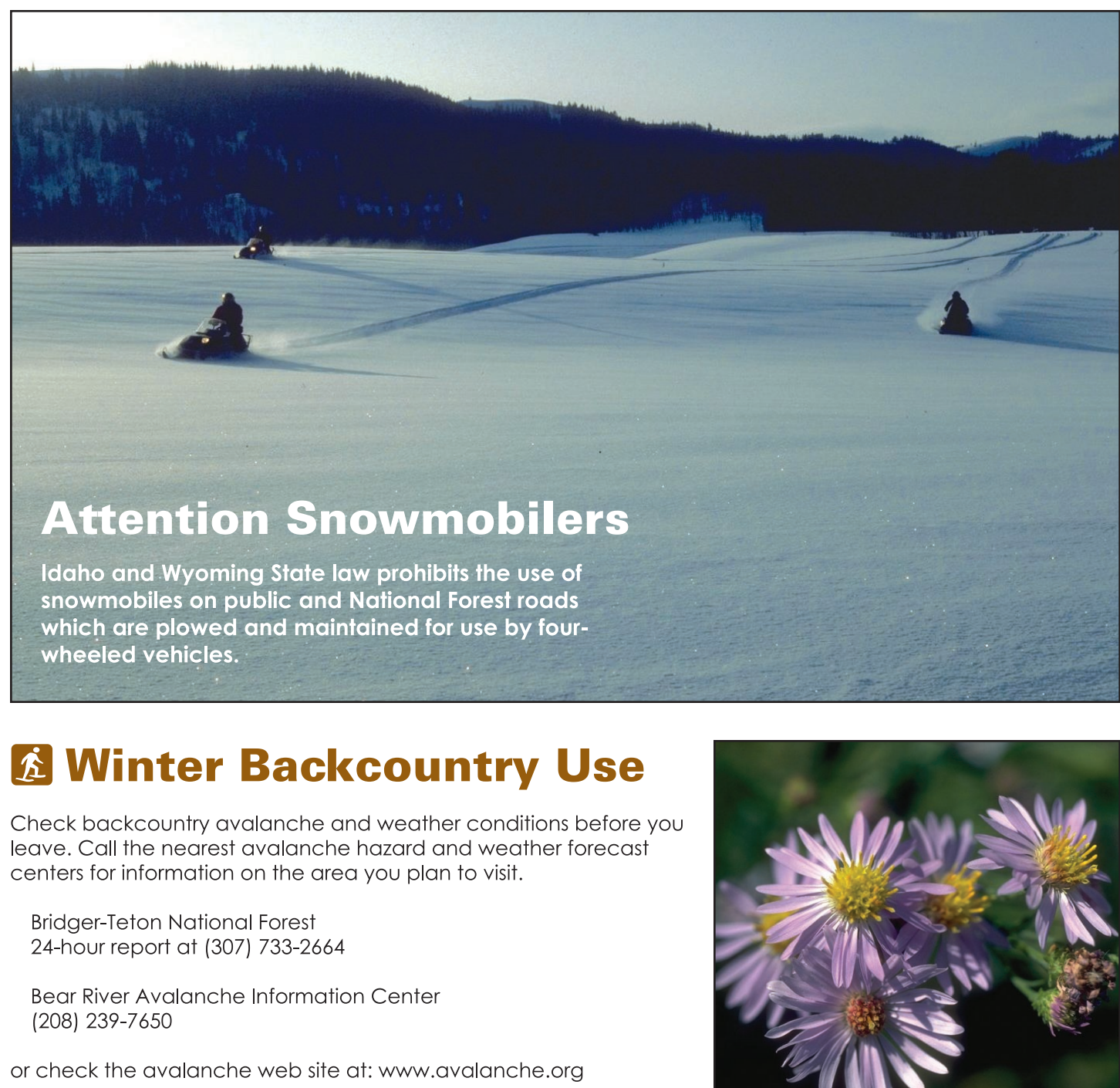
Montpelier, Idaho, in beautiful Bear Lake Valley is the headquarters for the District. Here you can obtain additional information about the Forest; where to go and what to do, Bear Lake is located in the southern end of the valley, and is an added bonus for people visiting the Forest and the Hole-in-the-Rock State Park. Bear Lake is the only lake in the state that is open to the public. The Hole-in-the-Rock State Park is a special and unique guided tour of the only limestone cave in the vicinity. The unusual formations in the cave make a visit well worth it!

Recreation Site Information						
Site No.	Name	Location	Season of Use	Permitted Activities	Permitted Equipment	Activities and Facilities
1	SUNNYSIDE	LA 1	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
2	COLD SPRINGS	CA 1	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
3	LAKEVIEW	LA 2	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
4	DAKINOVAN	LA 3	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
5	BLUFIN	LA 4	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
6	MONTEPELIER CANYON CLOS	LA 5	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
7	MONTEPELIER CANYON CLOS	LA 6	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
8	PAIRIE SPRINGS	LA 7	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
9	MONTEPELIER STATE PARK	LA 8	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
10	MONTEPELIER STATE PARK	LA 9	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
11	LAKEVIEW	LA 10	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
12	DAVE CAMPBELL	LA 11	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
13	POPPLETON	LA 12	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
14	LAKEVIEW	LA 13	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
15	BEACON HILL	LA 14	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
16	BEACON HILL	LA 15	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
17	BEACON HILL	LA 16	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
18	BEACON HILL	LA 17	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
19	BEACON HILL	LA 18	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
20	BEACON HILL	LA 19	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
21	BEACON HILL	LA 20	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
22	BEACON HILL	LA 21	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
23	BEACON HILL	LA 22	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
24	BEACON HILL	LA 23	all seasons	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Trailheads				
Trail No.	Name	Trail Class	Parking Spots	Facilities
1	SHRIMP MEADOWS	Trail 1	5	
2	CARLE HOLLOW	Trail 2	3	0.000
3	THOMPSON CROWN	Trail 3	3	0.000
4	PINE CREEK	Trail 4	3	0.000
5	CLEAR CREEK	Trail 5	3	0.000
6	WOLF CREEK	Trail 6	3	0.000
7	PREISS CREEK	Trail 7	7	1.000
8	DRY CREEK	Trail 8	5	0.000
9	CHERRY CREEK	Trail 9	5	0.000
10	SHOOTS CREEK BASIN	Trail 10	5	1.000
11	MEDIAN HOLLOW	Trail 11	3	1.000
12	COPPER CREEK	Trail 12	3	0.000
13	HORSERISE BASIN	Trail 13	5	0.000
14	S. P. BLOOMINGTON	Trail 14	3	1.000
15	WOLF CREEK MEADOWS	Trail 15	3	0.000
16	THOMAS SPRING	Trail 16	2	0.000
17	HILLCREST	Trail 17	3	0.000
18	NORFOLK	Trail 18	3	1.000
19	DANIEL CANYON	Trail 19	3	0.000
20	CHERRY CREEK	Trail 20	3	0.000
21	BEAVER CREEK	Trail 21	5	1.000
22	WOLF CREEK	Trail 22	5	0.000
23	WOLF CREEK	Trail 23	5	0.000
24	ALBERT CREEK	Trail 24	5	0.000
25	MARYE RIDGER	Trail 25	0.000	
26	EMERSON SUMMIT	Trail 26	4	1.000



- **ELK VALLEY MARSH, G-8**
This remote high elevation 200-acre mountain marsh is a nesting and moulting area for waterfowl.
- **MEADE PEAK, F-9**
At 9,957 feet this peak is the highest point in southeast Idaho. It is accessible by the Snowdrift Mountain Trail.
- **SNOWDRIFT MOUNTAIN TRAIL, F-8**
This high north-south ridge often holds snow yearlong. Huge snowdrifts pile up on its leeward side and often slide as avalanches to the canyons below.
- **MONTPELIER RESERVOIR, F-10**
This reservoir stores water for irrigation and flood control and provides excellent fishing.
- **HIGHLINE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL, C-11**
This 55-mile trail runs the crest of the Bear River Range from Soda Point in the north to Beaver Creek in the south.
- **PARIS ICE CAVES, C-11**
Ice never melts in this small cave located in Paris Canyon.
- **BLOOMINGTON LAKE, C-11**
This high elevation (8,200 feet) 10-acre glaciated lake has a good population of trout. Access is by Bloomington Canyon by high clearance vehicles only. The last one-quarter mile is limited to foot travel only.
- **BEAR LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGE, E-11**
Managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, this 18,000-acre marsh provides good wildlife viewing opportunities. DAY USE ONLY is permitted. The refuge office is located in Montpelier.
- **PARIS TABERNACLE, D-11**
One of the most interesting, this historic building in the town of Paris was dedicated in 1899. The tabernacle is impressive in exterior and interior architecture. Guided tours are available daily in the summer.
- **BEAR LAKE, E-12**
Once the site of fur trading rendezvous, its waters offer a wide variety of water sports. It is the home of the unique Bonneville Cisco.
- **MINNETONKA CAVE, C-12**
A half-mile cavern of fascinating geological formations, Minnetonka Cave features guided tours from June through Labor Day. See site.
- **FAT HOLLOW CRASH SITE, C-12**
Here in the winter of 1953 a military air transport crashed with the loss of life of all aboard. A monument erected in honor of those personnel now marks the site.
- **SHOSHONE INDIAN TRAIL, C-11**
This route was used by Indians traveling to and from Bear Lake and Cache Valley. Later mail carriers used the route in summer and winter.
- **CROW CREEK ROAD, F-9**
This first freight route between the pioneers of Bear Lake and Soda Valley, Wyoming, is still an alternate route of travel. The road is rough and mountainous and not recommended in wet weather.

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To protect natural resources and your outdoor experience, we ask that you:

- **BE COOL**
by fire. Build fires only in existing fire rings, stove or grills. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving the site. Drown the fire and stir the ashes until it feels cool.
- **BE SMART**
by not discharging any firearms within 150 yards of recreation areas.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE**
by operating motorized vehicles only on roads and trails designated for such use. When riding on private lands, follow the rules of the landowner.
- **BE CAREFUL**
by washing dishes and yourself at least 300 feet from any streams or other water sources.
- **BE THOUGHTFUL**
by always leashing your dog on a leash and out of swimming areas. Keep puppy and saddle animals in authorized areas only.
- **BE TIDY**
by placing trash and recyclables in containers provided for that purpose, or pack out your trash.
- **BE QUIET**
between 10 pm and 6 am.

- Inquire about recent bear and mountain lion activity in the area.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Read all signs of the trailhead.
- Hike in groups and keep children close to you at all times. Do not hike in the dark.
- Make your presence known. Call out, clap your hands, or sing loudly, especially around loud streams, on windy days, and in areas of low visibility. Stay alert near food source like berry patches and spawning fish.
- Carry bear pepper spray when hiking and camping.
- Stay on the trail.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for signs of bear activities: tracks, scat, droppings, turn-up logs, and banded-over rocks.
- Carry a takedown, short, shirt or hat to drop as a distraction for an approaching bear or mountain lion. Do not stop your backpack. Keep it on for added protection.
- Avoid taking pets on hiking trails. It is not advised and can be dangerous. If dogs are permitted, keep them on a leash.
- Always keep a clean camp.
- Use designated camping areas.
- Store food in a bear-resistant box, hard shelved vehicle, or car trunk. Do not leave food out when camping. Use bear boxes for trash receptacles.
- Set up tents with space between them. Keep your sleeping area, tent and sleeping bag free of food and clothes.
- Don't sleep in the areas where you were when you cooked your food.
- Keep a flashlight handy.
- Photograph from observation areas only.
- Use a telephoto lens, binoculars, or a spotting scope to view animals. Never follow wildlife.
- Minimize your impact.
- Avoid dead animals because bears will defend these food sources.



Lighthead caused fire is a natural occurrence. Fire has played a natural role in forest ecosystems and may be managed to burn naturally when management deems the risk/benefit ratio to be acceptable.

Human carelessness will always be an unacceptable cause of fire in the forest. Please help prevent unplanned wildland fire and take these few simple steps toward fire prevention:

- Consider if it is too windy or hot and dry for a campfire.
- Use existing fire rings and build campfires in a safe spot.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Always keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.
- When putting a campfire out, drown it with water and stir with a shovel.
- Completely extinguish your fire. Make sure it is cold to the touch before leaving the area.

The Montpelier Ranger District offers many opportunities for backcountry recreation. While enjoying these activities please remember to:

- Tread lightly
- Be careful with fire
- Keep your distance from wildlife
- Bury human waste away from water
- Pack it in, pack it out

Hypothermia kills people unprepared for the cold, rain or snow. Be prepared. Remember to bring adequate clothing and protection from bad weather.

Unless otherwise posted, motorized access is allowed for parking and dispersed camping within 300 feet of roads which are open for motorized use provided that no vegetation is damaged or destroyed, and streams and wet meadows are not crossed. Direct ingress and egress is permitted for firewood gathering as defined by the permit.

Only hay, straw, mulch or forage products which have been certified as free of noxious weeds and seeds are allowed on National Forest lands.

The Montpelier and Soda Springs Ranger Districts provide numerous opportunities for rewarding recreational experiences such as camping, horseback riding, photography, bird watching, berry picking, boating, hunting and fishing. The developed campground sites are on a first come, first serve basis. Some reservations can be made online at RECREATION.GOV, or call 1-877-444-6777.

All surface water, though it appears clear and cool, should be boiled for at least five minutes prior to drinking or using for food preparation.