


Idaho City to Graham Guard Station


Boise National Forest – Idaho City District

Trails: Bayhouse, Horse Heaven, Johnson Creek, Lodge Pole

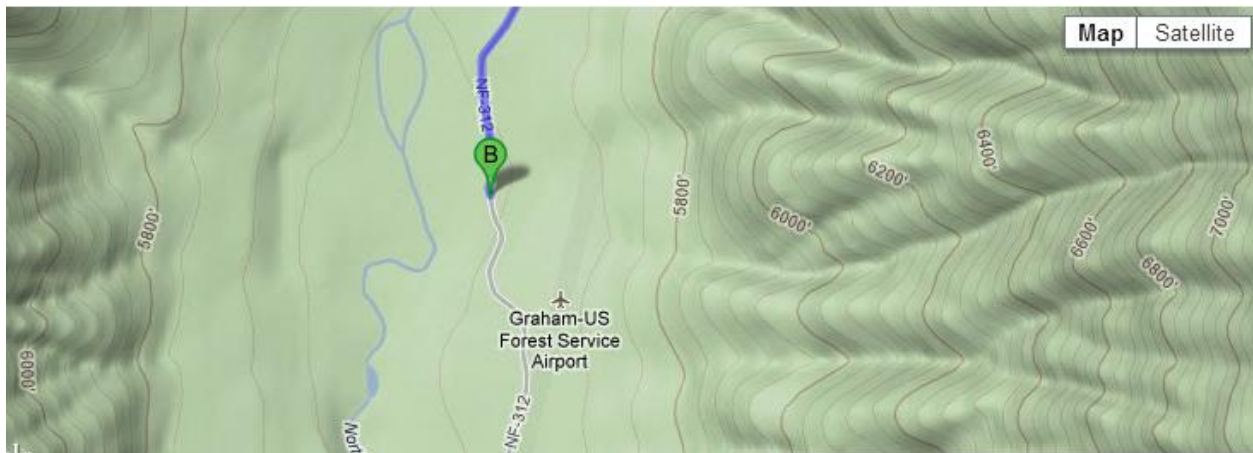
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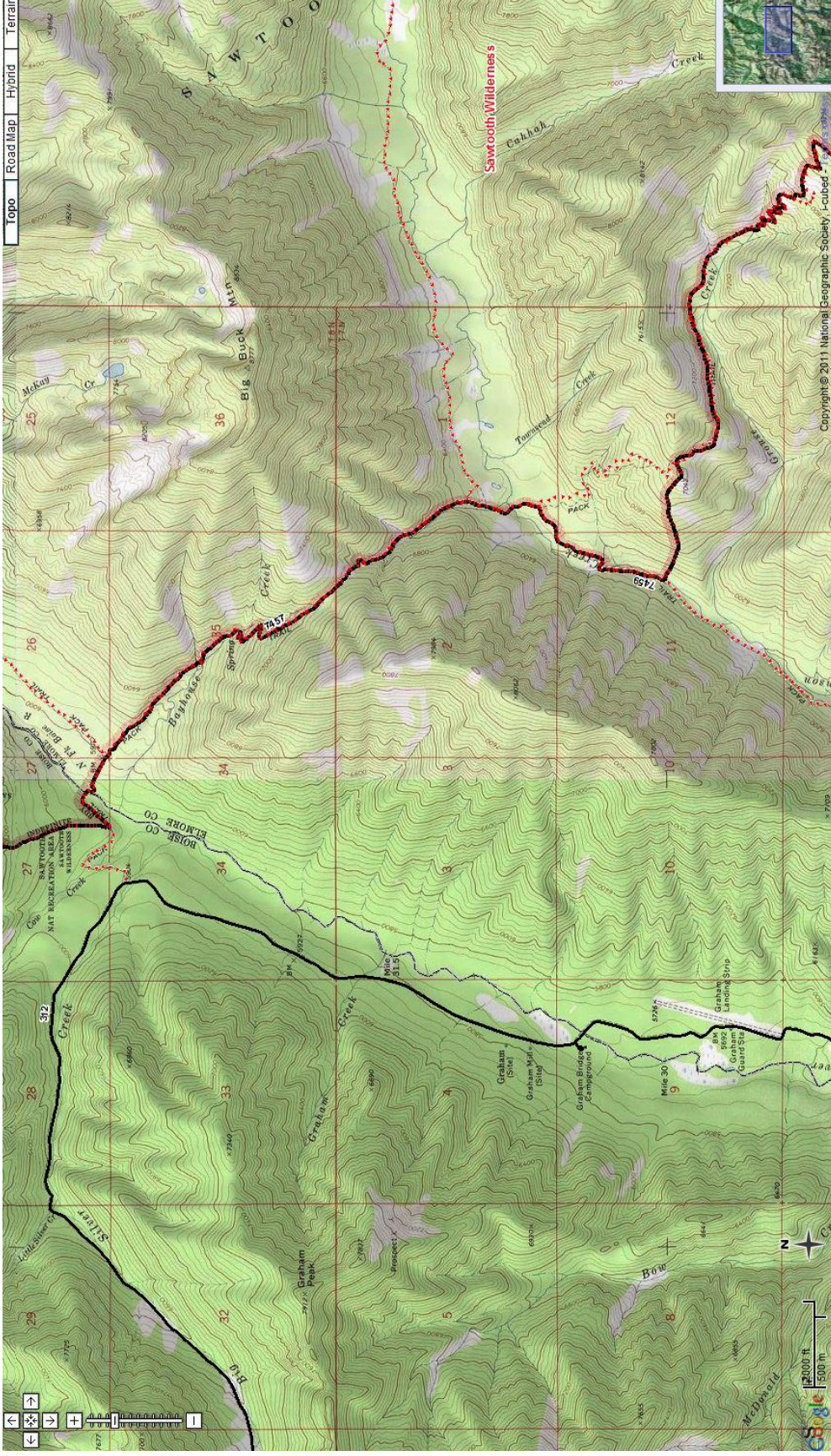
47.5 mi - about 2 hours 22 mins

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| 1. Head east on Wall St toward Montgomery St | 459 ft |
| 2. Turn right onto Main St | 0.2 mi |
| 3. Turn left onto ID-21 N/Ponderosa Pine Scenic Route | 18.4 mi |
| 4. Turn right toward Little Beaver Creek Rd | 0.1 mi |
| 5. Turn left onto Little Beaver Creek Rd | 492 ft |
| 6. Turn right toward Little Beaver Creek Rd | 0.1 mi |
| 7. Continue straight onto Little Beaver Creek Rd | 1.2 mi |
| 8. Sharp right to stay on Little Beaver Creek Rd | 1.5 mi |
| 9. Turn left onto NF-312 | 1.2 mi |
| 10. Slight right to stay on NF-312 | 1.6 mi |
| 11. Turn right to stay on NF-312 | 23.0 mi |

 National Forest Development Road 312, Boise National Forest, Boise, ID 83716, USA

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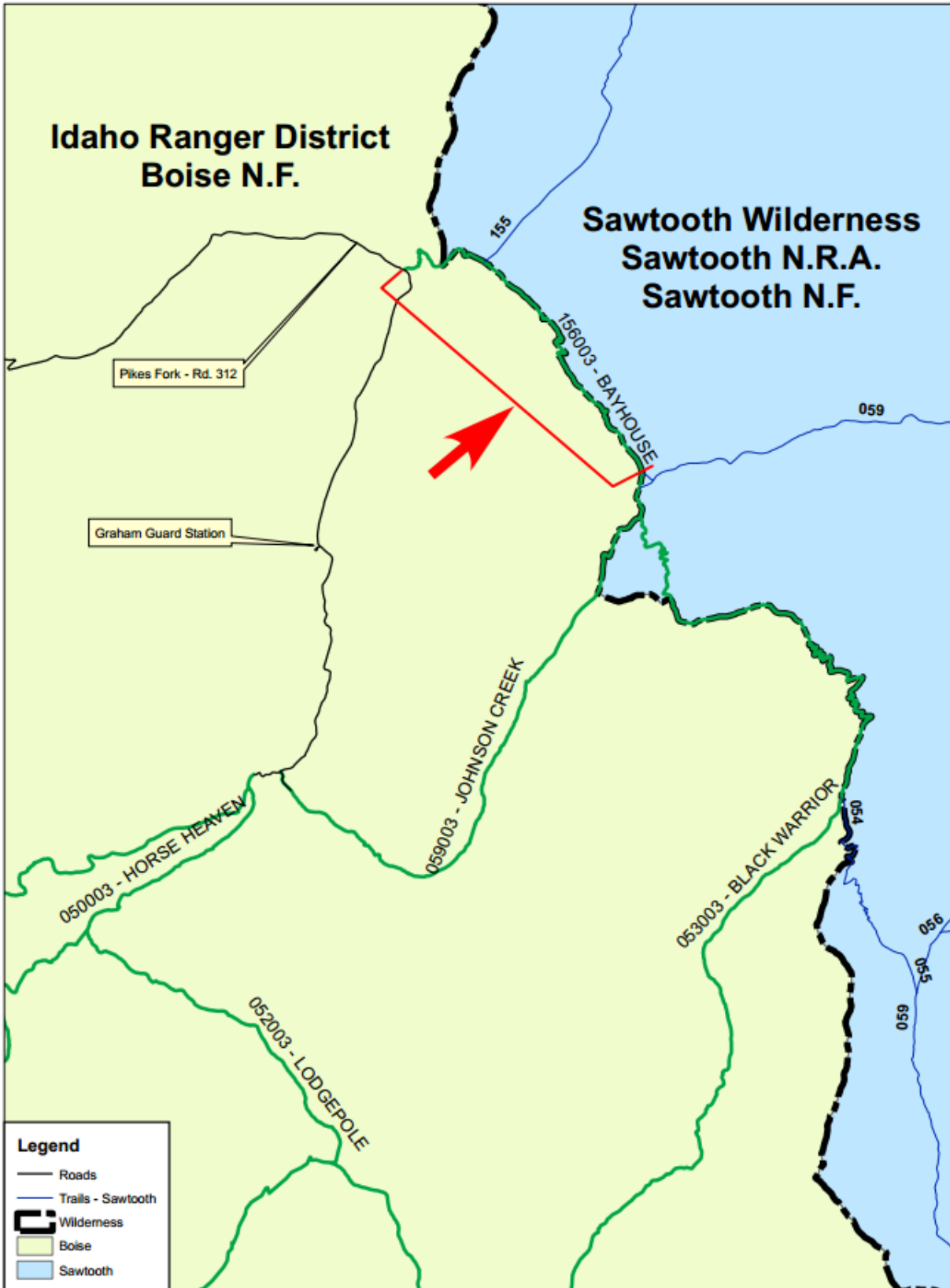
Topo Road Map Hybrid Terrain



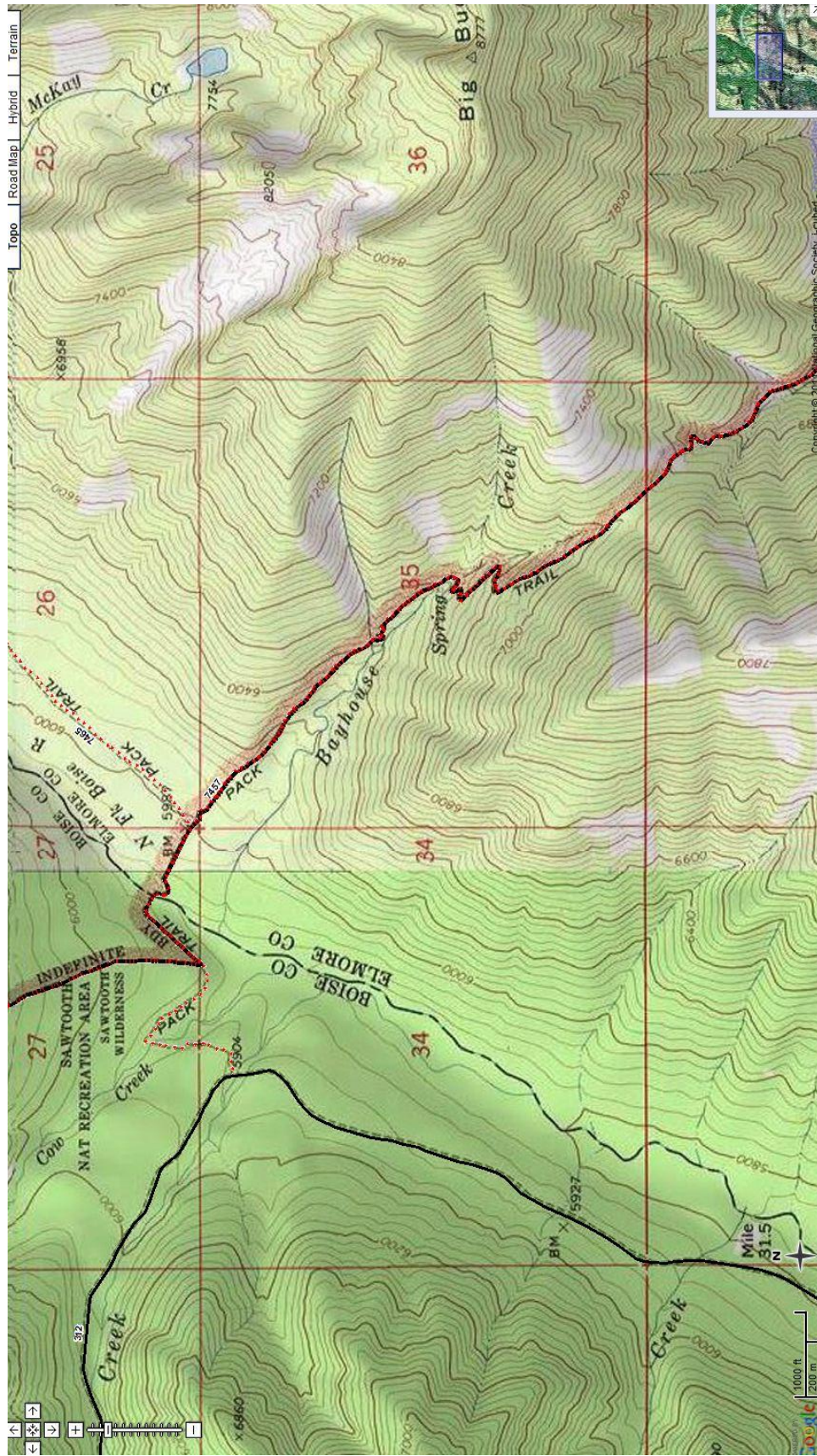
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Idaho City Ranger District Bayhorse (156) Trail Maintenance Grant 2013



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles



Bayhouse trail highlighted in yellow

(Why is the project needed?) Describe the **CURRENT** use of the site and the **POTENTIAL** use expected with the development of this project. (Include user days, types of users, number of users, ect,) Describe the current deficiencies and how they will be corrected with the development of this project.

Currently the use of the North Bayhouse Trail is limited to short hikes, less than 1 mile on the western end of the trail. The Boyhouse Trail has become impassable due to several extreme natural events. The 1994 Rabbit Creek Fire moved up the North Fork of the Boise River leaving charred unstable trees and hydrophobic soils in its wake. In years following, the lack of cover vegetation and soil condition accelerated erosion and thunderstorms created several large mud and rock slides that have totally cut through or blocked sections of the trail. The wildfire also left hundreds of burned trees fallen across the trail (photo 1,2 &3).

The Forest Service proposes to re-establish the entire 3.2 miles of trail tread to a Forest Service minimum standard of 24 inches. This will require reshaping approximately 3.2 miles of tread due to erosion and the reconstruction of drainage structures will be necessary within these damaged sections. Over **200 downed trees** and an estimated 100 standing hazard trees adjacent to the trail will need to be felled.

The exciting part of this project is the trail's potential! The Idaho City Ranger District currently has a very popular cabin rental program, and at one end of this trail are historical guard stations available for the public to rent, making this an ideal hike or horseback ride along the North Fork of the Boise River with a "chalet" on the western end. Currently, the Graham Guard Station Cabin is rented from July-Sept. and now has good road access. However, having foot and horse access would likely increase both trail and cabin use. Quality fishing and great roadside dispersed camping sites are common and very popular along the lower North Fork of the Boise River corridor. Improving trail access to the upper North Fork of the Boise River would create another more remote fishing and camping opportunity for those wishing to get farther away. In addition to the close proximity of the cabin and quality fishing opportunities are junctions along the North Fork Boise River Trail with two other popular trails. At the upriver end of the trail is the Johnson Creek Trailhead and campground, which provides access into the Sawtooth National Recreation area. The Blue Jay Lake/ Horse Heaven Trailhead are also at the upriver end of the North Fork Boise River Trail providing access into Swanholm Mountain, and Black Warrior lakes area. This creates a trail loop that allows multi-day trips with access to high alpine lakes for both hikers and horseback riders.

