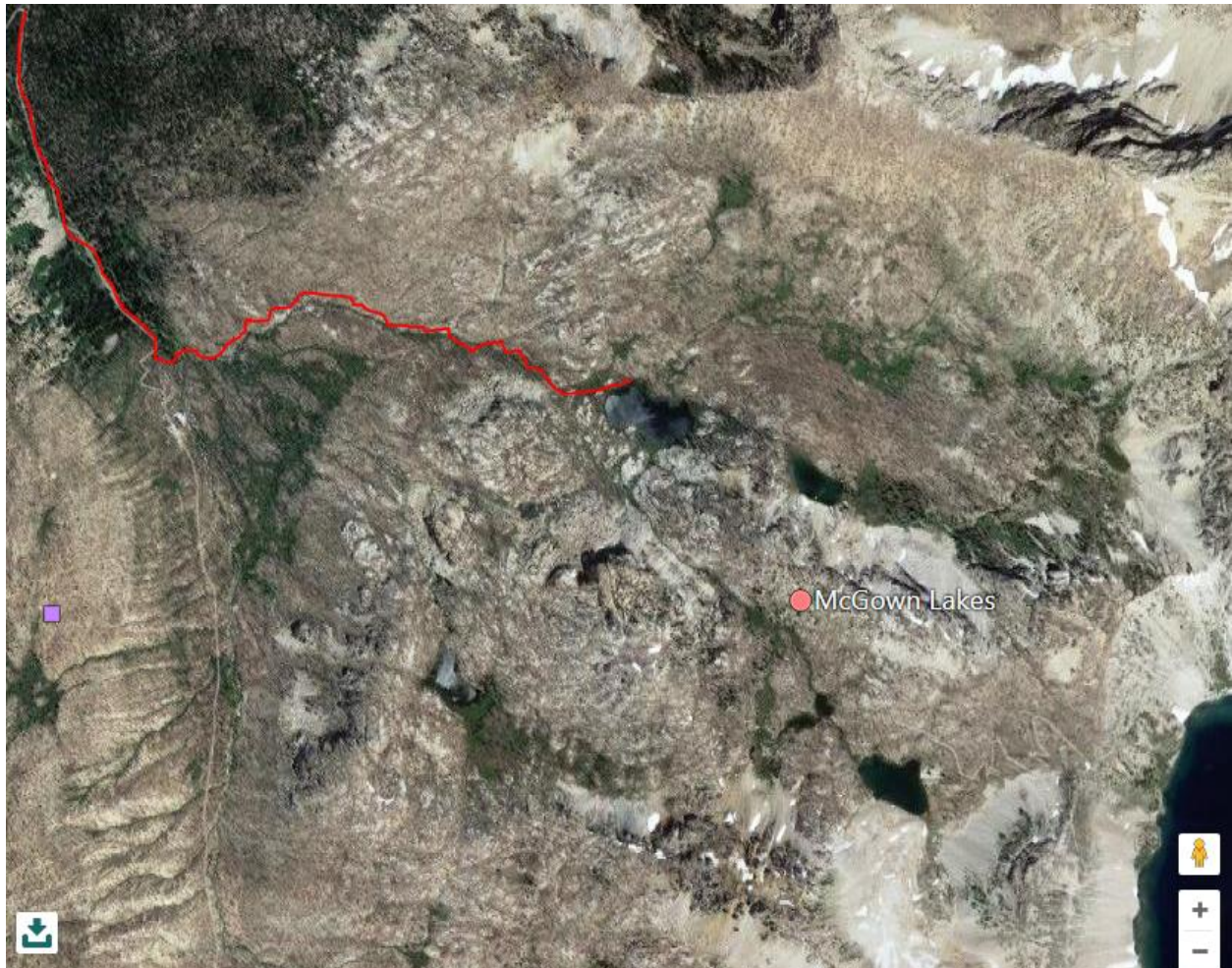


## WV Project – Stanley Lake to McGown Lake Pack Support



### [Some Pictures of area](#)

The **McGown Lakes** are a series of seven small [alpine glacial](#) lakes in [Custer County, Idaho, United States](#), located in the [Sawtooth Mountains](#) in the [Sawtooth National Recreation Area](#). The lakes are in the [Stanley Lake Creek](#) watershed and can be accessed from [Sawtooth National Forest](#) trail 640.<sup>[1]</sup>

The McGown Lakes are in the [Sawtooth Wilderness](#), and a wilderness permit can be obtained at a registration box at trailheads or wilderness boundaries. [Sawtooth Lake](#) is located to the east of the McGown Lakes, although in a separate watershed.

Distance: 16.6 miles (out & back)


Elevation Gain: 2,800

Elevation Range: 6,550 to 9,150

Wilderness Volunteer Project – [McGown Lake Trails](#)

Our service project will be heavy trail maintenance in the remarkable Sawtooth Wilderness. We'll set up a base camp at McGown Lakes at 8505' elevation after a backpack of 6.5 miles with pack support for tools, food and commissary supplies. Crew will camp at McGown Lakes and hike about a mile to project location on other side of 8,800' pass.

Our project will be to assist the Forest Service to complete trail maintenance of many of the trails out of our basecamp at McGown Lakes. Most of the work will be focused on heavy trail maintenance and tread repair (Iron Creek – Stanley Lake Trail 640) above Sawtooth Lake. Tread will need to be regraded to standard width with hand tools, rocks removed with hand tools and some rock wall constructed. Free time can be spent exploring the ever-beautiful Sawtooth Wilderness - relaxing, fishing in alpine lakes, taking pictures, or setting off on a more strenuous hike to the secluded Trail Creek Lakes.

Description	Details	Map
<b>Dates</b>	Aug 26th - Sep 1st 2018	<b>Accommodations</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	Trail maintenance in McGown Lakes area.	<b>Project Difficulty</b>
		Challenging : 6 mi backpack to & from project site, digging, lifting, bending, and sawing.
<b>Free Days</b>	Day hiking to area high points and lakes, fishing, photography, wildlife & wildflower viewing	<b>Leaders</b>
		Darrell La Vallee Zoe Purtzer
		<b>Equipment List</b>
		<a href="#">Mountain</a>



Crew from the 2017 project



McGown Peak – Pack Support Project – August 26 – September 2, 2017

