

Sawtooth Wilderness, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, ID (Aug 18th - Aug 24th 2019)

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Description

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Aug 18th - Aug 24th 2019

Service Project

Trail maintenance in McGown Lakes area.



Free Days

Day hiking to area high points and lakes, fishing, photography, wildlife & wildflower viewing

Accommodations

Tent camping

Project Difficulty

Challenging : 6.5 mi backpack with 1,500' elevation gain, site, digging, lifting, bending, and sawing.

Leaders

Zoe Purtzer
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Equipment List

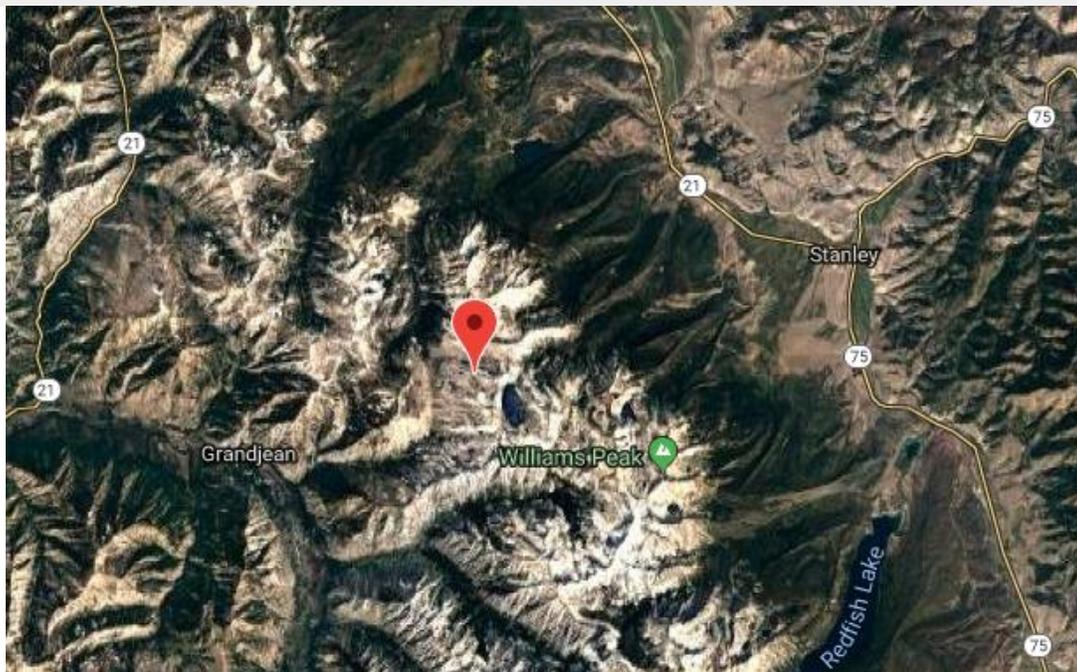
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Central Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Sawtooth Wilderness are known for the rugged grandeur of their soaring 10,000 foot peaks, flowery mountain meadows, crystal clear lakes, towering alpine forests, and abundant wildlife, including elk, mountain goats, black bear, wolves, wolverines and pikas! Backpacking and hiking are spectacular in this country, and trout fishing is exceptional in backcountry lakes and streams. Our journey will begin at the beautiful Stanley Lake – just a few miles outside of the alluring mountain community of Stanley, Idaho. The area has several accessible hot springs, historic sites and other great places to play in and explore.

Our service project will be 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 1,500' elevation gain 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.

We **highly recommend** that those coming from low elevation (anything below about 5,000 feet) plan an extra couple days in the area **before the trip** to acclimate to the elevation for your own safety. Altitude sickness is a concern when traveling from low elevation to high elevation and getting acclimatized before the trip is one of the easiest ways to prevent it. If you need ideas on things to do/see before the trip contact your leaders. This project is rated as a [challenging](#) project. Click on map to enlarge.



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