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## #9 SHOW RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

- Enjoy wildlife at a safe distance – don't get too close.
- If you see what you think is an abandoned animal, don't bring it home. It's mother is nearby.
- Stay in your vehicle for best viewing opportunities.
- Allow animals to drink when they approach a stream or water trough.

## #10 PREVENT HUMAN-CAUSED FIRES

Most wildfires on Idaho rangelands are started by humans.

- Fully extinguish your campfire with water before leaving your campsite.
- There may be limitations on the use of campfires on public lands in August (fire season) or in times of extreme drought. Please do your part to protect these beautiful landscapes and wildlife.

# 10 TIPS for a safe & enjoyable experience on Idaho's rangelands



## WELCOME TO IDAHO!

Idaho has more than 28 million acres of wild open spaces known as rangeland.

Many of our public lands are managed for multiple use. To ensure long-term access to our public lands, it's important that all trail users, campers, hunters and anglers show respect for the land, fellow public lands users and livestock.

Follow the Care/Share mantra: "Care for Idaho's public lands and share them respectfully with others."



## #1 KNOW WHERE TO GO

Understand mixed land ownership, private property and trespass law. You may encounter, private, state and federal lands as part of your journey—even within the same pasture. Fences on rangeland are not ownership boundaries—they are a management tool for livestock. Research land ownership before you go.



- Maps – Bring hard-copy maps and a GPS. Many areas on Idaho's public lands are not in cell range.
- Respect private lands and No Trespassing signs. It's illegal to trespass on private lands. Violators can be subject to fines and prosecution.
- Use online trip-planning resources: trails.idaho.gov or the Idaho Hunt Planner (IDFG).

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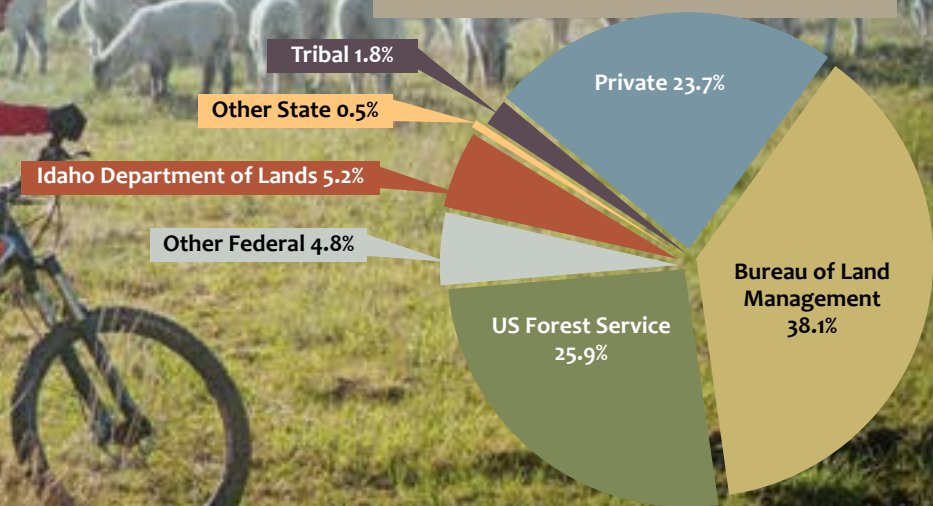
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### Resources for more information:

- BLM - [blm.gov/idaho](http://blm.gov/idaho)
- US Forest Service – Contact the specific national forest you are visiting.
- Care/Share web site - [idrange.org/recreation/care-share](http://idrange.org/recreation/care-share)
- IDFG – [idfg.idaho.gov/](http://idfg.idaho.gov/)

## MANAGEMENT OF RANGELAND IN IDAHO



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## #2

### BE A GOOD TRAIL AMBASSADOR

Slow down when approaching other trail users. Be friendly and say “hi” when you encounter others on the trail. A little courtesy goes a long way!

- In general, uphill traffic has the right of way.
- Mountain bikers and motorized trail users should yield to hikers, runners and horseback riders on the trail.
- If you approach horseback riders, talk to the riders and let the horses know you’re human so they don’t spook. Step off the trail and let them pass by.
- Keep singletracks single. ATVs and side by sides are not allowed on singletrack trails
- Stay on designated trails.

## #3

### LIVESTOCK GRAZING

Livestock grazing provides food and fiber for the nation while providing fuel-load reduction to mitigate wildfires. Ranching is the economic backbone of Idaho’s rural communities. Rangelands are both play grounds for recreationists and work places for ranchers.

Showing respect for all users will allow for continued access and responsible management of Idaho’s rangeland.



Here are some tips to co-exist with ranchers and land managers on rangeland:

- Leash pets when encountering sheep or cattle on the trail; dogs can be seen as a predator.
- If you encounter livestock on the trail, slow down to walking speed. Continue moving forward, and the animals will move off to the side of the trail.
- If you run into sheep, be aware that livestock guardian dogs – often large white Great Pyrenees dogs – are with the sheep to protect them from predators such as coyotes, bears, mountain lions and wolves.
- To avoid antagonizing guard dogs, mountain bikers should dismount from their bikes and walk through the sheep. Keep your bike between you and the guard dogs. Talk to the dogs. Let them know you’re human. Once through the sheep, continue your ride.
- Don’t try to outrun guard dogs on your mountain bike. This will encourage them to chase you.



## #4

### RURAL TRAFFIC JAM

- Be patient and enjoy Idaho’s wide open spaces
- Take pictures



## #5

### GATES AND FENCES

If a gate is closed, pass through and return it back to the original position. If a gate is open, leave it open. Often, if a gate is meant to be open, it will be laid up against the fence. Fences are there to keep livestock in the correct pasture. Cutting fences causes damage to rangeland.

## #6

### NO ONE WANTS TO SEE YOUR MESS

Pack out your garbage. Leave no trace.



## #7

### BE PREPARED

There are no services in remote areas. Bring a good jack, a spare tire or even two spare tires if you’re traversing rough 4WD roads. Pack jumper cables. Take a Spot, satellite phone or GPS with SOS function for emergencies. Let someone know where you plan to travel in advance.

## #8

### SHOOTING ON RANGELANDS

- Water troughs are necessary for birds, livestock and wildlife. Do not shoot or damage any infrastructure on rangeland.
- Never shoot from or over any road or highway.
- Set up a target with a safe and large backdrop.
- Exploding targets are prohibited.
- Don’t use plastic pellets, tracer rounds, exploding rounds or steel-core rounds to avoid ricochets.
- Attach targets to a proper backstop. It is illegal to deface or destroy trees, fences, water developments, signs, outbuildings or other objects on public lands.
- Pack out all litter, bullet casings and shotgun shell casings.

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