

REGIONAL FORESTER'S ORDER

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50, the following acts are prohibited within the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and will remain in effect until rescinded.

The following acts are prohibited. [36 CFR 261.58(aa)]: Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instruction.

Hitching or tethering any pack or saddle stock without using highlines, portable electric fence corrals, or other non-damaging methods; except to adjust packs and saddles or when first arriving in camp.

Hitching or tethering any pack or saddle stock so as to cause injury to any live tree or long term damage to vegetation.

For the purposes of this regulation the following definitions apply:

- 1. Highline - A rope type line secured by 2 points, that prevents livestock tied to the line, from trampling the area around the tree base or causing injury to the tree trunk or tree roots.
- 2. Non-Damaging Methods - A method of hitching or tethering that prevents pack and saddle stock from trampling the area around the tree base or causing injury to the tree trunk or tree roots.
- 3. Long Term Damage - Any trampling to the area around the tree base or injury to the tree trunk or tree roots that typically will not recover annually and essentially will be noticeable to the majority of visitors.

THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION WITHIN THE SELWAY BITTERROOT WILDERNESS.

Done at Missoula, Montana this 1st day of May, 1993.

By _____
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Regional Forester

Violations of these restrictions is punishable by a fine up to \$5000.00 or imprisonment up to 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(b)(6))