On August 20, 2022 the Sawtooth National Recreation Area will be celebrating its 50th anniversary! But that’s not all. The Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association is turning 50, too, in December! Shortly after the creation of the Sawtooth NRA, the Association was formed to support the preservation and protection of this special place. Next summer there will be opportunities to connect with and reflect upon what makes the Sawtooth NRA unique, why it was preserved in the way it was, and how we can continue to champion the values identified in its establishment (natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, & fish and wildlife values).

SAVE THE DATE! It’s time to celebrate!

President’s Letter

Have you heard the news? 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area! This will be a year to celebrate the history of its establishment and the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association (SIHA)!

Yes, indeed, a celebration.

We are excited to highlight the successes of the past year of operation. We continue to make volunteer and visitor safety a priority as we creep out of the pandemic. We are pleased to report to all our members, community sponsors, and potential supporters, 2021 has been a great year for SIHA, on so many levels: financial stability, program development, an active board of directors, strategic planning, memberships, the list goes on. We are doing the work to set up SIHA for further success.

Moreover, we celebrate a summer class of naturalists and leadership who were engaged and impactful and are the backbone of our success. We thank each of them, wish them good luck for their future endeavors, and hope to have them return next year.

Millions of years of geological evolution have shaped the Sawtooth and Salmon River country. Human history is also central in shaping this land over eons. While the natural flora and fauna are always changing, some of our beloved plant and animal communities are deeply threatened.

For SIHA to continue to meet its mission: to protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho’s Sawtooth/ Salmon River Country through preservation and education, we rely on your support in many ways. Please consider how you can help at a level you feel commensurate to engage. Give a year-end gift, volunteer, and spread the word about who we are and what we do.

We thank you for your support!

Here’s to the next 50 years, Cheers!

Stewart Wilder,
President

Lin Gray,
Executive Director

‘Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it...’
Norman Maclean

Support SIHA today! Your donation to the Sawtooth Association supports the protection and advancement of the natural and cultural history of the Sawtooth/Salmon River country.
OUR 2021 IMPACT  We’ve had another year packed with educational programs, events, and activities.

8 Naturalist interns who operate the Stanley Museum and Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery so SIHA can provide free educational programs and learning opportunities throughout the valley.

9650+ Naturalist contacts in the field! Did you see one of our naturalists at a trailhead this summer? Or maybe you attended one of our daily educational programs.

12,175+ Members of the public visited the Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery to ask a question about area trails, camping, and recreation opportunities; attend an educational program; purchase a trail map or guidebook in our bookstore; use wifi; or view the gallery full of works inspired by the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains.

24 Evening Programs presented by SIHA Naturalists at the Redfish Amphitheater.

15 Regional artists in a wide variety of media from ceramics, to photography to watercolor sold their work in the Redfish Gallery.

800+ People attended the Sawtooth Salmon Festival (pictured here) on August 28th! Special guests included Congressman Mike Simpson, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes’ Sockeye Recovery Program, and a dozen other nonprofits working to educate the public about salmon recovery.

4050+ People learned about the history of the area when they visited the Stanley Museum.

24 Scientists, Historians, and Storytellers presented at the Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series.

12,175+ Free educational programs for all ages offered at the Redfish Visitor Center.

366 Trailhead Portals* at Iron Creek, Tin Cup, Redfish Inlet, Stanley Lake, and Redfish Trailheads.

510 Attendees to the Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series.

160 Volunteers participated in the Sawtooth NRA Fall Clean-up Sept. 12-25.


64 Trailhead Portals* at Iron Creek, Tin Cup, Redfish Inlet, Stanley Lake, and Redfish Trailheads.

12,175+ Volunteers participated in the Spring Roadside Clean-up on June 9th.

4050+ Community members joined the Spring Roadside Clean-up.

510 Special events planned and implemented by SIHA’s summer interns.

*You are probably wondering what a Trailhead Portal is, right? Our interns are trained by Sawtooth National Recreation Area’s Wilderness Program staff about Wilderness regulations and Leave-No-Trace Principles. We send them to busy trailheads several mornings a week throughout the summer to set up information booths and talk to everyone using the trail.

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