

# Food Storage and Sanitation Order

*Shoshone & Bridger-Teton National Forests*

## Your safety is important

This food storage order was created to help keep you and other forest visitors safe by avoiding encounters with bears and preventing bears from being attracted to campgrounds, trailheads, picnic sites and other areas frequented by people.

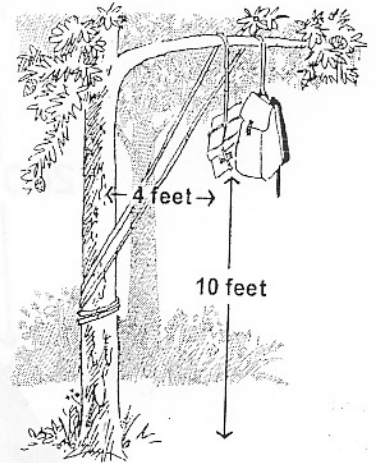
All food and other items that might attract bears must be stored where bears can't access them at night and during the daytime when they are unattended. Attended means that a person is physically present within 100 feet and in direct sight of the food or carcass.

## These items must be properly stored

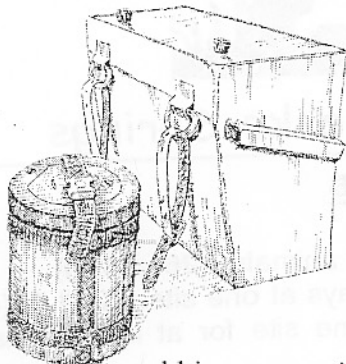
Human food, (including canned food, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages), harvested game animals and parts, pet food, processed livestock feed and grains and personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and deodorants. This also includes garbage and empty food and beverage containers.

## Proper storage methods

Proper storage methods include placing food and other items in bear resistant containers or hard-sided vehicles or suspending them at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support.



## Bear resistant containers



Bear resistant containers include the heavy metal boxes placed in campgrounds and other approved containers such as bear resistant horse panniers and backpackers' containers that are certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.

**NOTE:** Plastic or metal food coolers, backpacks and leather or canvas horse panniers are **NOT** bear resistant.

## Storing game meat and parts

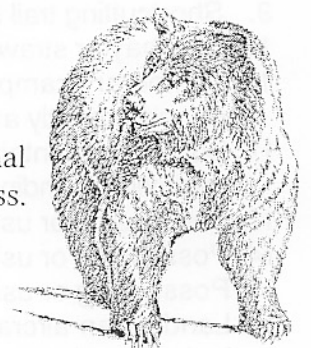
Properly stored big game animals and parts must be at least 100 yards from a sleeping area, recreation site or National Forest System Trail. Game meat left unattended on the ground must be at least one-half mile away from any sleeping area or recreation site and at least 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail. Small game (birds and mammals) and fish should be stored in a similar manner to other food products

## Meat and food poles

Poles have been installed at numerous trailheads and back country sites so that harvested big game and food can be properly hung above ground out of the reach of bears.

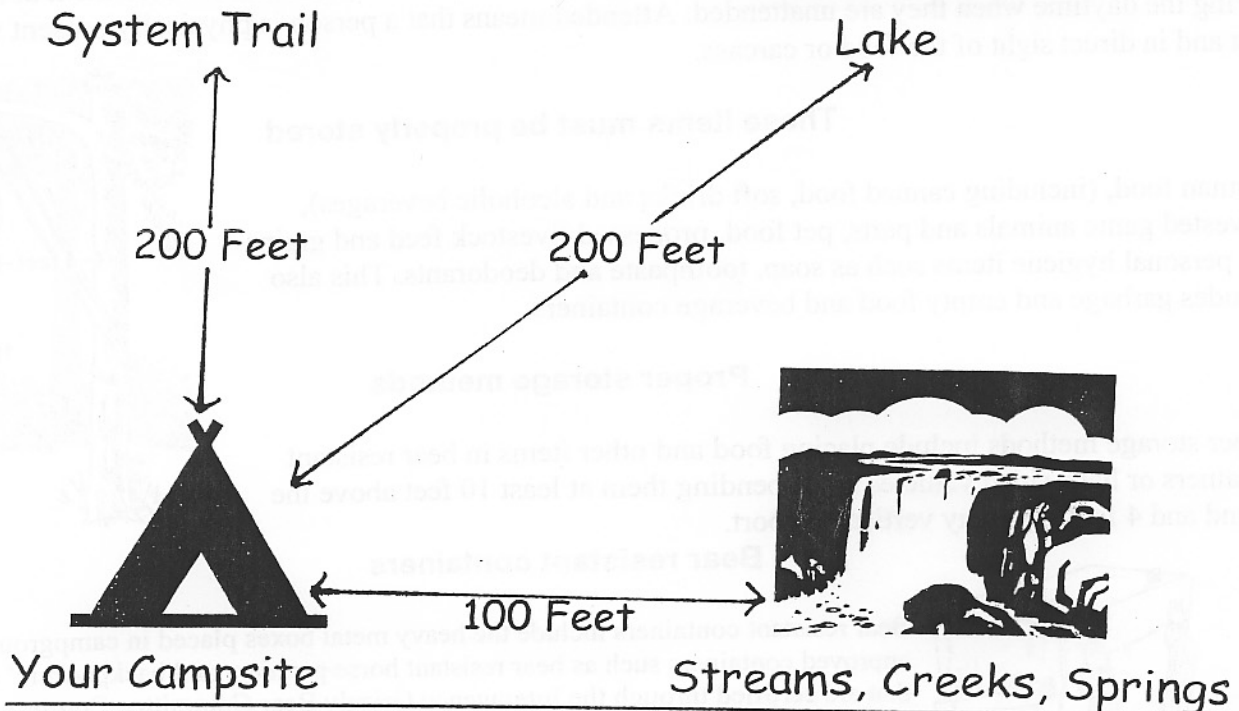
## Camping

Camping and sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known large animal carcass on the ground or at least 100 yards from a properly stored big game animal carcass.



REGULATIONS APPLY MARCH 1 – DECEMBER 1

## Campsite Regulation Requirements



### Bridger Wilderness Regulations

1. Individual groups are limited to fifteen (15) people. [261.58(f)]
2. Pack and saddle stock permitted in each group is limited to twenty-five (25) animals. [261.58(e)]
3. The maximum length of stay by any individual or group is sixteen (16) days at one site. [261.58(e)]. Visitors who vacate a campsite after 16 days may not return the same site for at least 5 days [261.58(e)]
4. Campsites must be located at least 200 feet away from a lake shore or forest system trail, and 100 feet from streams, creeks, or springs. [261.58(e)]
5. Organized groups (scouts, church groups, clubs, etc.) must have a permit. Permits are available at the Pinedale Ranger District Office, P.O. Box 220, Pinedale, WY 82941. [261.57(a)]
6. Pack and saddle stock will be tied so as not to cause damage to any tree, vegetation, or soil. [261.57(a)]
7. Overnight campers with pack or saddle stock must have a visitor permit. Free permits are available at the Pinedale Ranger District Office, P.O. Box 220, Pinedale, WY 82941. [261.57(a)]
8. Non-burnable garbage will be packed out and no garbage will be buried. [261.57(g)]
9. Shortcutting trail switchbacks is not allowed. [261.57(g)]
10. Bulk hay or straw is not permitted. [261.57(g)]
11. Temporary camp structures such as hitching racks, tent frames, or temporary tables will not be nailed or permanently attached to any trees and must be dismantled after the use period. [261.57(f)]
12. Building, maintaining, attending, or using an open fire above timberline is prohibited. Cutting or removing standing wood (either dead or alive) is prohibited. [261.52(b)]
13. Possessing or using a motor vehicle, motorboat, or motorized equipment is prohibited. [261.16(a)]
14. Possessing or using a hang glider or bicycle is prohibited. [261.56(b)]
15. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle (including "game carts") is prohibited. [261.57(h)]
16. Landing an aircraft, or dropping or picking up of any material, supplies, or person by means of aircraft including a helicopter is prohibited. [261.56(c.)]
17. The use of salt for attracting wildlife is prohibited. [261.50(e)]