



St. Anthony Sand Dunes

Bureau of Land Management Rules and Regulations

Information You Should Know

Egin Lakes Development

Phase One construction began in September 2002 and was completed July 2003. This phase expanded day use parking with a site boundary fence, additional restrooms and an upgraded loading ramp. The use of fire pans for open fires will be required in the dry camp area. Phase Two will start sometime in the fall or early next spring. A water system, RV dump station and developed camp units are planned in this phase. There will be posted fees that will be charged to camp at the dry camp area beginning May 28, 2004. For the 2004 field season, there is also the option to stay at either Desert Oasis (208-624-3275) which is only one and one-half miles to the east of Egin Lakes and provides access to the sand dunes, or Sand Hills Resort (208-624-4127) which is 7 miles from Egin Lakes and also provides access to the sand dunes. The other option is camping north of Sand Hills Resort west of Red Road. The Cinder parking lot east of Red Road is a day use area only.

Sensitive Species and the Resource Conflict

ORV use of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes has grown dramatically over the past few years. Unfortunately, this use has spurred a noticeable decline in vegetation which is critical to winter land, wilderness quality and sensitive species. Please ride only on the open sand and designated routes. Our goal is to protect the dune's unique resources **and** keep the dunes open for your enjoyment.

The following species are not listed as threatened or endangered but are species of special concern. Both species do have state conservation assessments and strategies prepared. These documents are available at the BLM office in Idaho Falls. The BLM has conducted inventories to determine the populations and breeding areas for the Dunes Tiger Beetle and the Evening Primrose Flower.

Dunes Tiger Beetle

Color: Bronze Shell

Legs: 6

Size: 2@ long

Lifespan: Less than 1 year

Location: On edges of dunes among the plants ^{Helmet}

Evening Primrose

Color: white to Pink

Petals: 4-Heartshaped

Leaves: 10" narrow, toothed

Height: 4-5"

Location: Grows among the lava rocks and sagebrush.

We ask that if you do see some of these Evening Primrose plants that you go around them and please do not ride over or through them.

Bald Eagles (endangered species), Swainson's and Ferruginous hawks (sensitive species) also hunt, nest and breed in the area.

Safety Suggestions

Safety is very important on the Sand Dunes, for yourself and others. Some mandatory safety rules that are in effect for the St. Anthony Sand Dunes are:

1. All OHVs, ATVs and motorcycles are required to have a 6-foot whip with a red or orange flag at the top. (Note: Fremont County Ordinance 2003-05 requires flags to be at least 8 feet above ground level.) Flags must be 6 feet from the top of the ATV rack and 6 from the top rail on dune buggies.
2. If you are jumping, please have a spotter sit at the top of the dune you will be jumping, this provides safety for the jumper as well as others riding the dunes.
3. Yield the right-of-way to uphill riders.
4. Check over dune crest before descending.
5. Watch for children, hikers, horse riders and sunbathers.
6. Have a spotter if you are jumping a dune.
7. Please use caution when going around the lake area. This is a popular area for children on small ATV's or motorcycles. They are beginners and like to go in and out of the bushes.
8. If this is your first time to the St. Anthony Sand Dunes, please use caution until you know what the sands are like and how to read them.
(Please note the State of Idaho does not have a helmet law yet and they currently do not have an age restriction)

Suggested Equipment

Helmets, gloves, goggles, face protection, boots, chest protection, 6foot safety flag, heavy jersey/pants

REMEMBER, RIDE ONLY ON THE OPEN SANDS!

RIDE SAFE AND SMART!