

Mules being loaded in front of the Combination Building.

### A Working Station

The Lochsa Historical Ranger Station is no longer a working station, however the ranger station remains much as it was in the early 1900s. Horses and mules occasionally occupy the corral when they are not packing supplies into the backcountry. Wilderness rangers sometimes work out of the station. Today's trail crews still learn traditional skills and depend upon non-motorized tools. As these skills become increasingly rare, the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness program helps keep the art and science alive.

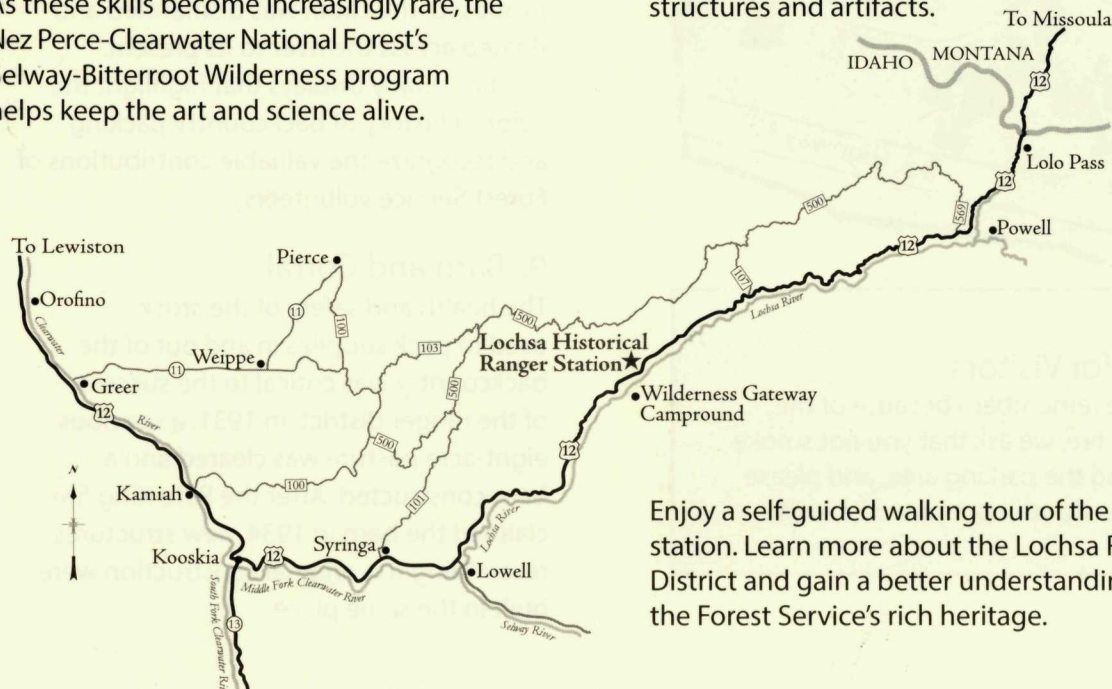
### Built to Last

The buildings at the Lochsa Historical Ranger Station were built primarily from native materials. Anything not locally available was packed in by horse or mule. Most of the original buildings remain in use today.



Whipsawing logs at the Lochsa Ranger Station, 1928.

Listed in 1978 on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lochsa Historical Ranger Station is managed to preserve the nostalgic character of this 1920s working ranger station. Forest Service personnel and volunteers stabilize and care for the structures and artifacts.



Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of the station. Learn more about the Lochsa Ranger District and gain a better understanding of the Forest Service's rich heritage.

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Packer Charley Smith heading up the Lochsa River with a load of supplies for the Lochsa Ranger Station, 1924.

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 Hours are 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.  
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# LOCHSA HISTORICAL RANGER STATION



Celebrate the historical legacy of a backcountry ranger station

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