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# News Release

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## **Limited Snowmobile Use on the East Side Reservoir Road *Winter Logging Operations***

**KALISPELL, MT., January 4, 2016** – Beginning Tuesday, January 5, 2016 the East Side Reservoir Road, Forest Road #38, along the east side of Hungry Horse Reservoir and the Meadow Creek Road, Forest Road #2826, will be closed Monday through Friday to all motorized use, this includes vehicle and snowmobile traffic. The roads will be open for snowmobile use on the weekends. Parking for winter recreation on Road #38 will be available at the Desert Mountain parking area just outside Martin City or at the junction of the Abbott Bay Road, Forest Road #5301 about five miles south of Martin City.

The road restrictions are in place for public safety during winter logging operations in the Cedar Chipmunk Timber Sale area on the Spotted Bear Ranger District. Log hauling will take place on weekdays through the winter along the plowed East Side Reservoir and Meadow Creek Roads.

Winter recreationists are advised to use caution on the plowed roads. Stay along the right side, travel in single file, and ride at a prudent speed. The timber sale operators will not haul on weekends, though they may plow and be doing other work. The roads will be open from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 12:01 a.m. for over-the-snow traffic.

The Flathead National Forest offers several popular snowmobile areas with groomed and ungroomed trails. Snowmobile access information maps and groomed trail maps are available at any Forest Service office. The maps outline snowmobile routes and areas by ranger district and the groomed trails accessing state and Forest Service lands in the Flathead area.

For more information about the East Side Reservoir Road and the Meadow Creek Road access, contact the Hungry Horse/Glacier View or Spotted Bear Ranger Districts, 406/387-3800.

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