

**METADATA**  
**OVER SNOW RESTRICTED AREAS**  
**(OSVUM\_RestrictedAreas2016)**

**Summary (Purpose):** This geospatial file contains the areas within the Bitterroot National Forest which are closed to over-snow motorized vehicles either yearlong or seasonally designated by the BNF Travel Management Planning project published in May, 2016.

**Source:** This GIS layer replaces an earlier version that existed prior to the Travel Management Planning Project. The project reviewed the prior restrictions and recommended that they be retained, altered, or eliminated; and the project recommended some new restricted areas. Changes were based on Forest Plan direction, goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines, and how they relate to inventoried road-less areas, recommended wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas. The differences between the restrictions in place prior to the Travel Planning Project and those recommended by the Project are as follows:

- Additional Inventoried Roadless Areas are closed;
- Additional Recommended Wilderness Areas are closed;
- Two goat winter range areas are closed;
- The Sapphire and Blue Joint Wilderness Study Areas are closed; and
- The Romney Ridge and Willow Creek closures are open.

The restrictions are classified as to the primary reason(s) for their closure to over-snow vehicles. The classifications are:

- 1 - Designated Wilderness
- 2 - MT Wilderness Study Area
- 3 - Resource and Wildlife Protection
- 4 – Proposed Wilderness & Inventoried Roadless Area
- 5 - Lost Trail Ski Area
- 0 – Private Property

Some areas are closed yearlong to over-snow vehicles; others are closed from Oct. 15 – Dec. 1.

Some areas allow over-snow motorized vehicles on designated roads seasonally or yearlong. Vehicles using roads in closed areas may not go cross-country off the roads.

“Over snow vehicles which are permitted on the Bitterroot National Forest lands are those which are described as: A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow (36 CFR §212.1).”

**Attributes:**

**NAME:** Description of the area closure.

**ACRES:** Number of acres within the closure area.

**DECISION\_T:** Identification of the decision which put the closure into effect.

**Closure:** Denotes whether the closure is in effect yearlong or within a certain part of the year.

**Class:** Classification of the closure.

**Coordinate System:**

**Type:** Projected

**Geographic Coordinate Reference:** GCS North American 1983

**Datum:** D\_North\_America\_1983

**Projection:** NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_11N

**Unit:** Meters

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