

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
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MILL CREEK WINTER TRAIL/DOG RESTRICTIONS
SPECIAL ORDER OF FOREST SUPERVISOR
WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST
Salt Lake Ranger District

The following act is established to provide for public safety during winter recreation use and to reduce crowded conditions and user conflicts.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the areas described on the attached map and described in this order within the Wasatch-Cache National Forest until further notice.

1. Possessing a dog on ODD-NUMBERED DAYS, on the Mill Creek Winter Ski trail when the Maple Grove gate is closed and the area is posted for winter skiing. [36 CFR 261.58 (s)]
2. Use of any type of motorized vehicle on the Mill Creek Road when the Maple Grove gate is closed. [36 CFR 261.54 (a)]

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Authorized Federal, state, or local officers, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty, when authorized by the District Ranger.

Area Described

The Mill Creek Canyon Road No. 012 above the gate at the Maple Grove Picnic Area to the end of the road at the Upper Big Water Trailhead, as defined on the attached map.

Richard P. Kline

For Forest Supervisor
Wasatch-Cache National Forest

July 11, 1997

Date

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both (16 USC 551; 18 USC 3571 (b) (6))

This order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above described areas, and same said violation(s).

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Region Forest Numeric Sequence

Mill Creek Ski Trail
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ORDER # 04/19/84

File Code: 2300

Date: October 23, 1996

Dear Friend:

I am writing about our proposal to ban dogs on the ski trail in Mill Creek Canyon during the winter months. Our decision is to allow dogs on alternating days as opposed to a complete ban. Many of the responses we received regarding the proposal suggested this approach. In addition, we are going to implement other measures that will aid in the compliance we expect from dogs and their owners.

As managers of the canyon, and stewards of the land, our mission is to provide enjoyable and safe recreation experiences for all visitors. In our view, we would not be meeting our "mission" if we allowed the dog situation to continue as it has. As we see it, and from the responses we received, it is evident that the main problems with dogs are:

Dogs running loose, often out of control and away from their owners reach and impacting other's recreation experiences.

Dogs standing in the way of skiers creating "an accident" waiting to happen.

Piles of dog waste on the trail.

The "poop" situation has improved since the inception of the dog waste box, but it is not 100 percent corrected. We saw a significant increase of piles on the trail last winter. This is unacceptable. Considering these and the fact that more and more people (and their dogs) are discovering Mill Creek as a great place for winter recreation, we feel it is necessary to place some restrictions on dogs so ALL users can enjoy their recreation experience.

It is time for dogs owners to take responsibility for their dog(s)! We expect dogs owners who frequent this trail to be in command of their dog(s), clean up after them and be considerate of others by keeping a watchful eye on their dog(s). To ensure that our goal of owner responsibility is met, the following rules will be enforced beginning **THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1996:**

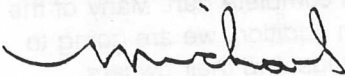
1. Dogs will be allowed on the winter ski trail on **EVEN CALENDAR DAYS ONLY!**
2. Dogs **MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH** in the parking area.
3. Dog owners **MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANING UP AFTER THEIR DOG(S)** when they defecate by properly disposing of their waste. We will continue to provide plastic bags and waste receptacles to facilitate this.
4. **BE COURTEOUS** to other people recreating. Keep your dog under control at all times. Be mindful that not all people, including other dog owners, want to interact with your dog.



We will continue to **ALLOW** dogs on the ski trail on **EVEN DAYS** during the winter as long as their owners take responsibility for them and clean up the messes they leave behind. To ensure this, we are implementing our version of "3 strikes and you're out." If we have **10 DAYS** where we find **10 PILES** that have not been picked up and properly disposed of, or, 25 citations written for dogs off leash in the parking area, dogs will be prohibited from the ski trail for the rest of the winter. If this happens 3 out of the next five years, dogs will be prohibited from the ski trail during the winter for good.

The choice is yours. Take responsibility for your dog(s), encourage other dog owners to do the same, and continue to enjoy a winter experience with your dog. I look forward to your support and cooperation!

Sincerely,



MICHAEL SIEG
District Ranger