Motor Vehicle Use Map
Bitterroot National Forest
Stevensville/Darby Ranger Districts

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Darby, MT 59829
(406) 821-3913

Stevensville Ranger District
88 Main Street
Stevensville, MT 59870
(406) 777-5461

West Fork Ranger District
6735 West Fork Road
Darby, MT 59829
(406) 821-3269

For Emergencies Call 911

- Current Bitterroot National Forest Visitor Maps (North and South) are available at all District and Supervisor's Offices, and specific retail outlets
- Bitterroot National Forest web pages:
  http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bitterroot/home
  http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/bitterroot/recreation
- Montana and Idaho Official Highway Maps (for free distribution at most Forest offices, Chambers of Commerce and State Visitor Centers).

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM.This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails in the Bitterroot National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route as well as any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes.

Designation of a road or trail for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road or trail is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions, natural events or lack of maintenance may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Bitterroot National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13)

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to $5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)).This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow vehicle uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Bitterroot National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Bitterroot National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Bitterroot National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Bitterroot National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

Stevensville Short Route Table		
Route Designation	Road Number	Length in Feet
Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong	73884	496
Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Seasonal	1316B	315
	73891	236

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Stevensville Ranger District

Legend

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Trails Open to Motorcycles Only
- Special Vehicle Designation (See Table)
- Seasonal Designation (See Table) (Used along with road or trail listed above)
- US or State Highway
- Other Public Roads
- Other Public Trails
- 70333 Short Route Identifier
- Milepost Marker
- FS Campground
- Picnic Area
- Motorized Trailhead
- Information Site
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Wilderness Areas
- Township/Range Lines
- Section Lines
- Lakes and Rivers
- State Boundary

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

Roads Open to All Vehicles:

These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or less in Width:

These trails are open only to wheeled, motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:

These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

Special Vehicle Designation:

This symbol indicates the road or trail is open to classes of vehicles other than those listed above. Refer to the Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Other Public Roads:
US or State Highway
Other Public Roads
Other Public Trails

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

Short Route Identifier:

70333

This symbol is used to label routes in high density areas or routes that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail.

Milepost Marker:

This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

Motorized Trail Access:

This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

DISPERSED CAMPING AND PARKING

Motor vehicle use off of designated roads and trails for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted on National Forest Lands for up to 300 feet from the centerline of the road or trail. Dispersed camping using non-motorized access is allowed throughout the Bitterroot National Forest, as long as resource damage does not occur.

Campsite selection must be completed by non-motorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route (no more than 300 feet) without causing resource damage (CFR 261.15) Cutting, damaging or harming (such as driving over) trees or vegetation is not allowed to access dispersed camping sites (CFR 261.15). Moving, going around, over, or past barriers on roads (e.g., gates, rocks, berms, signs, etc.) is not allowed (CFR 261.12).

Motor vehicle use off a forest road or trail for purposes of dispersed camping shall be at least 30 feet from a stream, wetland or other body of water. Camping adjacent to water sources is permitted, however, access must be by non-motorized means.

Motor vehicles may be parked up to 20 feet from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR261.54).

It is prohibited to operate any vehicle off National Forest System, State, or County roads in a manner which damages or unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources (CFR 261.15 (h)). **There is no off-road motorized travel allowed for game retrieval or wood cutting on the Bitterroot National Forest.**

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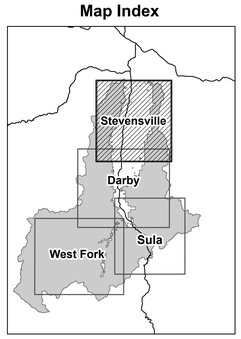
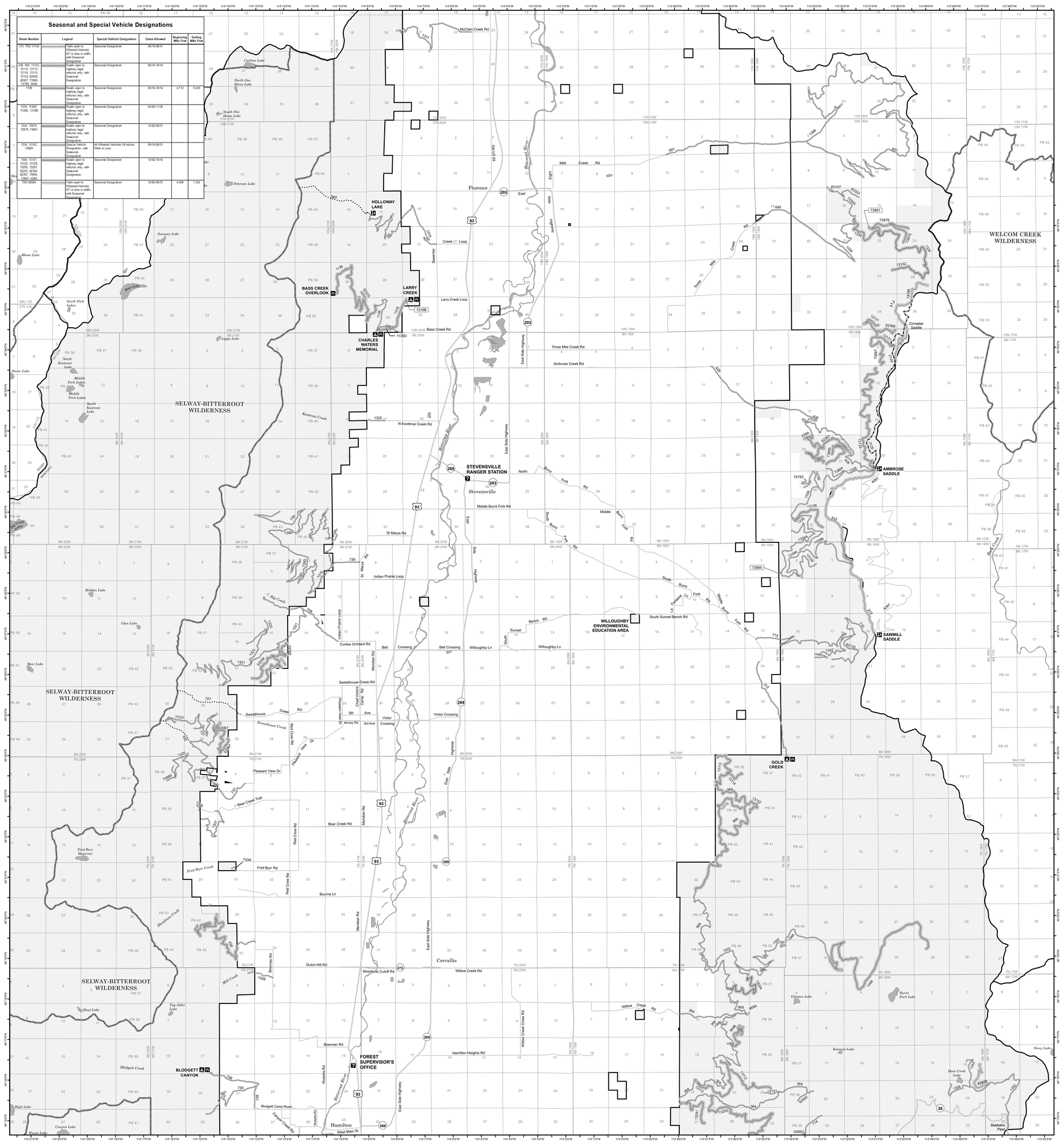


Seasonal and Special Vehicle Designations

Route Number	Legend	Special Vehicle Designation	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post
313, 1821,13154	Trails open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or less in width, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	06/16-08/31		
438, 969, 13103, 13112, 13113, 13114, 13115, 13116, 62067, 73906, 74788, 3645	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	06/16-10/14		
1136	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	05/16-10/14	4.112	9.249
1316, 1136D, 1316E, 1316B	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	05/02-11/30		
1334, 73878, 73879, 73891	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	12/02-08/31		
1334, 13102, 1302A	Special Vehicle Designation, with Seasonal Designation	All Wheeled Vehicles 50 Inches Wide or Less	06/16-08/31		
1348, 13121, 13125, 13126, 13205, 13281, 62225, 62366, 62367, 73895, 73897, 428A	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	12/02-10/14		
1802, 62605	Trails open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or less in width, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	12/02-08/31	0.000	1.350



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