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Lolo Pass Visitor Center Opens for Winter Season

Powell, ID -- The Lolo Pass Visitor Center, located on the Idaho-Montana state line along U.S. Highway 12, is now open for the winter season. Winter hours of operation are Thursday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. The Visitor Center will be closed December 25-26 and January 1 in observance of the holidays.

Snowmobile and cross-country ski trails are being groomed weekly (Sat. & Sun.) depending upon snow conditions. Dogs are not allowed on the groomed trails.

A recreation pass is required for use of the area's trails. Day passes are \$5.00 and season passes \$20.00. Day and season passes can be purchased at the Visitor Center during hours of operation. Passes can also be purchased at Lolo Hot Springs, Brady's Sportsman's Surplus, Pipestone Mountaineering and The Trail Head.

A snowshoe trail and sledding area are also available for use at Lolo Pass. Maps of area trails can be obtained at the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center also features an interpretive display room, gift shop, educational videos and local travel information.

For updates on snow conditions at Lolo Pass or trail grooming, call the visitor information line at (208) 942-1234 or visit <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/> and <http://www.snowtana.com/>.

Individuals planning to bring a large group to Lolo Pass for educational or recreational activities should contact the Visitor Center Manager, Katie Knotek, at the Powell Ranger Station (208) 942-3113. Knotek can also answer any other questions about the Lolo Pass area.

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