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Pattee Canyon Folf Course Closed – Blue Mtn. Still Open

Missoula, MT. – The Missoula Ranger District has implemented a Special Order for a seasonal closure for the Pattee Canyon Folf (frisbee golf) Course this winter to reduce the potential conflict between folfers and skiers and allow soil and vegetation to recover. The folf course overlaps a designated ski trail system – a groomed and popular site for skiers. In previous years the district has posted a voluntary folfing closure in the area and included it in the Pattee Canyon brochure, but voluntary compliance has not been effective.

The Pattee Canyon Folf Course crosses the groomed Nordic ski trails at several locations and the closure is intended to reduce the likelihood that folfers will venture onto the groomed trails that are heavily used by skiers in the winter. According to Missoula Ranger District recreation specialists, past incursions have been common and have presented a safety concern. Those incursions have also damaged the groomed cross country ski track.

The district is encouraging folfers to use the Blue Mountain folf course as an alternative place to folf. The present closure went into effect December 1, 2007 and will run until April 30, 2008. Large, visible signs will soon be posted at the Pattee Canyon parking area, as well as on Pattee Canyon Road downhill of the parking area to advise folfers of the closure.

For more information, please contact the Lolo National Forest Public Affairs Office (406 329-1024) or Andy Kulla, Missoula Ranger District resources staff officer (406 329-3962).

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