

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

*Winter Travel Restrictions*  
(Over-Snow Vehicle Closure)

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on the area, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Boise National Forest, until further notice.

1. Possessing or operating any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, within the area described below. **36 CFR 261.56**
2. Using any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, on the road as described below. **36 CFR 261.54(b)**
3. Using any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, on the trail as described below. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of these area, road and trail restrictions is to protect natural resources and wildlife, separate motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities, and to minimize user conflicts.

This order replaces order number #0402-AREA-TP01, which identified prohibited motor and mechanized vehicle and other uses on the Boise National Forest. This order also replaces order #0402-05-38 (Lowman RD) and order #0402-01-23 (Bogus Basin Snowmobile Closure Area).

This order does not implement any new travel restrictions. This order restates the restrictions in the above listed orders that apply to motorized uses that are not covered by the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

**AREA, ROAD, and TRAIL DESCRIPTION:**

The Winter Travel Restrictions includes all roads, trails and areas as identified on the 2014 Boise National Forest Winter Travel Map (See Attachment A).

All areas affected by this Order are within the administrative boundaries of the Boise National Forest, and the counties of Valley, Gem, Boise, and Elmore, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

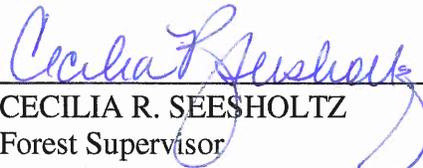
**DEFINITIONS:**

**Over-Snow Vehicle** – 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.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

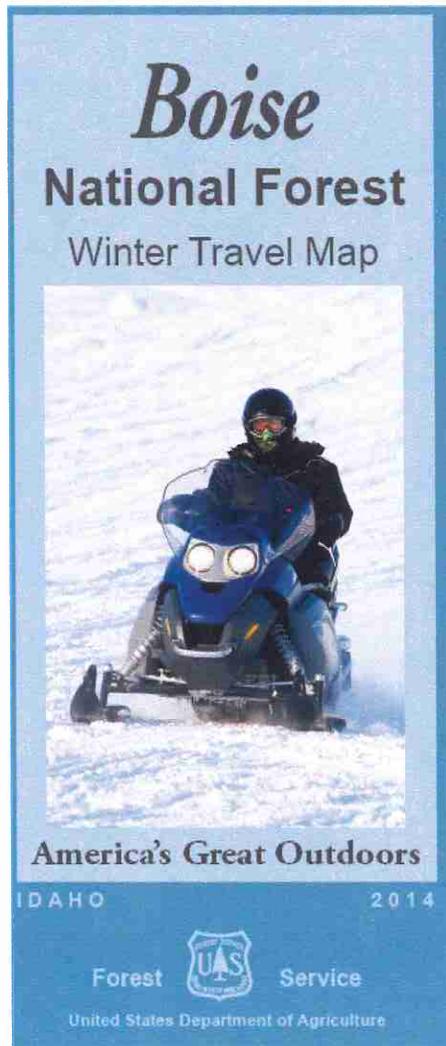
1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure areas is included as Attachment A, and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), and Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Boise, Idaho, 208-373-4100.

Done at Boise, Idaho, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

  
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CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ  
Forest Supervisor  
Boise National Forest

# ATTACHMENT A

## 2014 Boise National Forest Winter Travel Map (Cover Page)



**ASSESSMENT of NEED and ENFORCEMENT PLAN  
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST  
Over-Snow Vehicle Closure**

**Background and Intent:**

The BNF has roads, trails and areas that have travel restrictions regarding where and when motorized use may be used. Restrictions have been developed to protect resources (to reduce runoff and sedimentation, provide wildlife and fish security, reduce hunting vulnerability for game species, reduce degradation of water quality, protect riparian areas, and to restore or protect habitat for Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Sensitive species), and to provide socio/economic benefits (improve safety for Forest visitors, provide a mix of experience opportunities, reduce the cost of road and trail maintenance and protect investments in recreation and transportation infrastructure). Restrictions reflect results of decisions made through administrative and NEPA processes across the Forest.

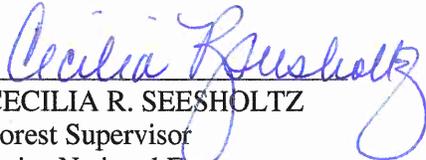
In the past, both summer and winter restrictions on motorized travel on the BNF were displayed on the 1998 Visitor Map accompanied and enforced through a Special Order. Publication of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) in accordance with 36 CFR 212.56, in 2009, completed the motorized route designation for use of motor vehicles on the BNF for wheeled motorized vehicles and replaced wheeled motorized travel restrictions on the 1998 Visitor Map. The proposed Winter Travel Restrictions Special Order is needed to regulate the use of vehicles over-snow that is not covered under the recently issued MVUM and travel plan decisions.

**Enforcement Plan:**

The following needs to occur to implement this special order. District staff will continue to post and maintain on the ground signing at locations and media that reasonably bring the restrictions and prohibitions to the attention of the public. Forest protection officers, LEO's and other District staff will patrol areas to inform users and gain compliance and take enforcement action on persons not in compliance with this order. Because this order does not reflect any changes in restrictions from previous years, no media events are planned.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	SLEO and Forest Rec Staff	1/2014
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	2/5/14
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	2/11/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	By 2/14/14
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Forest PAO Staff	As needed
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel	On going

Approved for Implementation

  
CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ  
Forest Supervisor  
Boise National Forest

  
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