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Medicine Bow National Forest Reminds Snowmobilers of June 1 Travel Restrictions

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) May 30, 2014 – The Medicine Bow National Forest (MBNF) is reminding late-season snowmobilers of over-the-snow vehicle (OSV) travel restrictions that were put into place by Special Order last fall.

While the complete Order addresses multiple points intended to protect natural resources and reduce user conflicts, the Forest Service would like riders to specifically note that OSV riding is only allowed on designated roads and trails between June 1 and November 15. This specific restriction is intended to reduce conflicts with summer, non-motorized users and to protect emerging vegetation. Additional clarifying points and considerations include:

- *There is no off-road or cross-country travel between June 1 and Nov. 15 in the same way that wheeled vehicles such as ATVs are restricted.*
- *OSVs may travel cross-country for up to six and a half months, from Nov. 16 to May 31, provided snow depth conditions allow.*
- *The end date for OSV off-road travel is based around when WYDOT typically plows open Wyoming Highways 70 and 130, while the start date for OSV off-road travel is based on the average end dates for most big-game hunting seasons on the Forest.*

The regulations remain consistent with the MBNF Plan and work in conjunction with U.S. Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM), as well as the Wyoming State Trails map to curb user conflicts and provide resource protection.

Visitors to the Medicine Bow National Forest should contact their local Ranger District for additional information.

- Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, 2171 Highway 130, Saratoga, WY, (307) 326-5258
- Douglas Ranger District, 2250 E. Richards Street, Douglas, WY, (307)358-4690
- Laramie Ranger District, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY, (307)745-2300

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