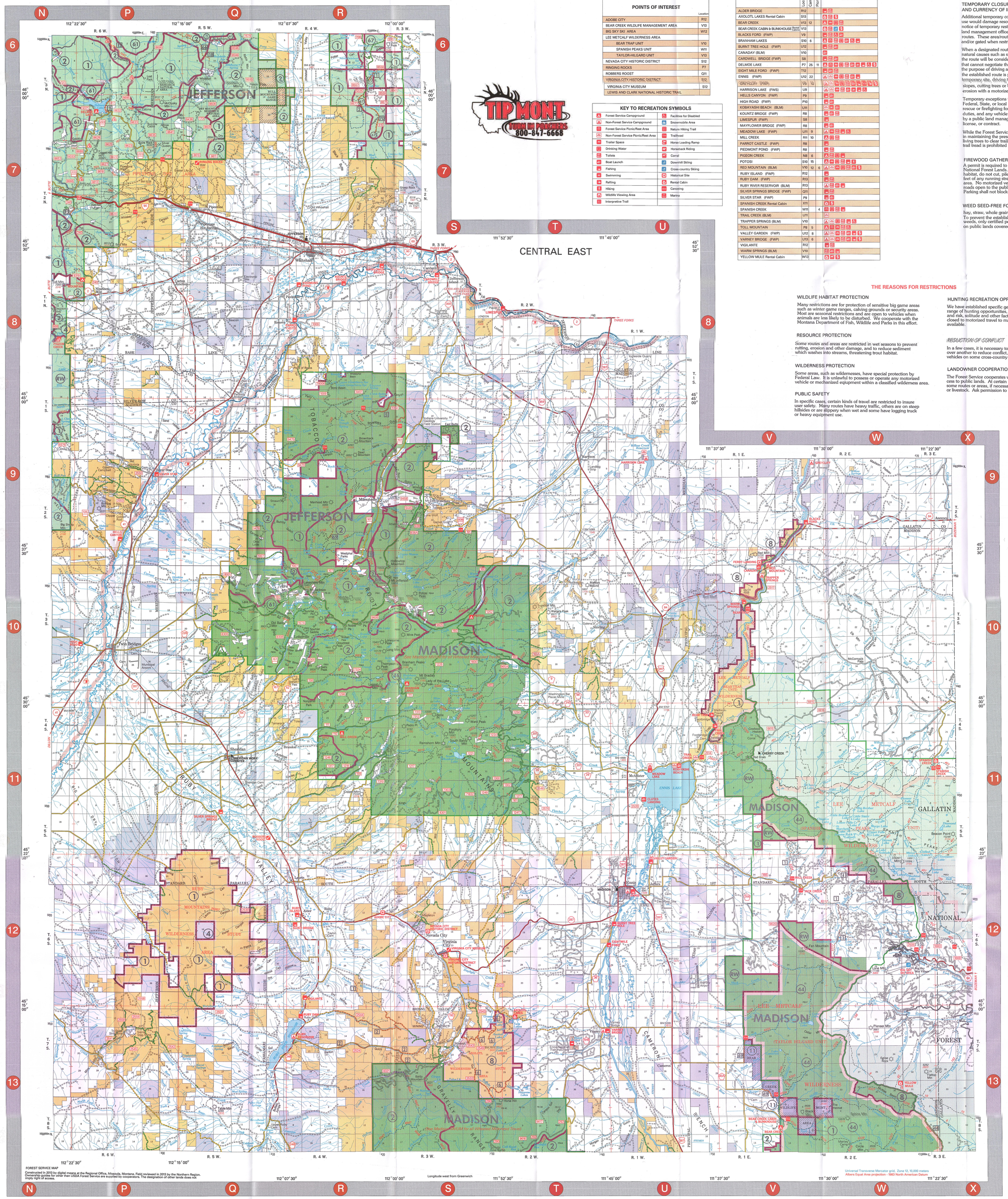

FOREST SERVICE MAP

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Longitude west from Greenwich

Universal Transverse Mercator grid, Zone 12, 10,000 meters
Albers Equal Area projection - 1983 North American Datum

POINTS OF INTEREST

	Location
ADOBE CITY	R12
BEAR CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	V13
BIG SKY BIG AREA	W12
LEE METCALF WILDERNESS AREA	
BEAR TRAP UNIT	V10
SPANISH PEAKS UNIT	W11
TAYLOR-HILGARD UNIT	V13
NEVADA CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT	S12
RINGING ROCKS	P7
ROBBERS ROOST	Q11
VIRGINIA CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT	S12
VIRGINIA CITY MUSEUM	S12
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL	

KEY TO RECREATION SYMBOLS

- Forest Service Campground
- Non-Forest Service Campground
- Forest Service Picnic/Rest Area
- Non-Forest Service Picnic/Rest Area
- Trailer Space
- Drinking Water
- Toilets
- Boat Launch
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Rafting
- Hiking
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Interpretive Trail
- Facilities for Disabled
- Snowmobile Area
- Nature Hiking Trail
- Trailhead
- Horse Loading Ramp
- Horseback Riding
- Corral
- Downhill Skiing
- Cross-country Skiing
- Historical Site
- Rental Cabin
- Canoeing
- Marina

RECREATION SITES

	Location	Campground Guide	FACILITIES
ALDER BRIDGE	R12		
AXOLOTL LAKES Rental Cabin	S13		
BEAR CREEK	V13	12	
BEAR CREEK CABIN & BUNKHOUSE Rental	V13		
BLACKS FORD (FWP)	V9		
BRANHAM LAKES	S10	6	
BURNT TREE HOLE (FWP)	U12		
CANADAY (BLM)	V10		
CARDWELL BRIDGE (FWP)	S8		
DELMOE LAKE	P7	25	11
EIGHT MILE FORD (FWP)	T12		
ENNIS (FWP)	U12	22	
GREYCLIFF (FWP)	V9	12	
HARRISON LAKE (FWS)	U9		
HELLS CANYON (FWP)	P9		
HIGH ROAD (FWP)	P10		
KOBAYASHI BEACH - (BLM)	U11		
KOUNTZ BRIDGE (FWP)	R8		
LIMESPUR (FWP)	S8		
MAYFLOWER BRIDGE (FWP)	R8		
MEADOW LAKE (FWP)	U11	9	
MILL CREEK	R11	10	
PARROT CASTLE (FWP)	R8		
PIEDMONT POND (FWP)	R8		
PIGEON CREEK	N8	6	
POTOS	S10	15	
RED MOUNTAIN (BLM)	V10	12	6
RUBY ISLAND (FWP)	R12		
RUBY DAM (FWP)	R11		
RUBY RIVER RESERVOIR (BLM)	R13		
SILVER SPRINGS BRIDGE (FWP)	Q11		
SILVER STAR (FWP)	P9		
SPANISH CREEK Rental Cabin	X11		
SPANISH CREEK	W11		
TRAIL CREEK (BLM)	U11		
TRAPPER SPRINGS (BLM)	V10		
TROLL MOUNTAIN	P9	5	
VALLEY GARDEN (FWP)	U12	8	
VARNEY BRIDGE (FWP)	U13	6	
VIGILANTE	R12		
WARM SPRINGS (BLM)	V10		
YELLOW MULE Rental Cabin	W12		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

TEMPORARY CLOSURES AND CURRENCY OF INFORMATION

Additional temporary controls may be established when use would damage resources or be hazardous. Public notice of temporary restrictions will be available at public land management offices having jurisdiction of the areas or routes. These area/routes will be posted on the ground and/or gated when restrictions are in effect.

When a designated route becomes impassible due to natural causes such as snowdrifts, mud and earth slides, the route will be considered closed to motorized vehicles that cannot negotiate the obstacle. To leave the route with the purpose of driving around the obstacle or to parallel the established route is prohibited. When accessing a temporary site, driving through soft wet meadows, steep slopes, cutting trees or brush, or causing rutting and erosion with a motorized vehicle is prohibited.

Temporary exceptions to these travel restrictions are any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duties, and any vehicle use which is expressly authorized by a public land management agency under a permit, license, or contract.

While the Forest Service encourages volunteer help in maintaining the present trail system, the cutting of living trees to clear trails or the construction of new trail tread is prohibited unless specifically authorized.

FIREWOOD GATHERING

A permit is required to cut or remove firewood from National Forest Lands. To protect water quality and fish habitat, do not cut, pile or gather firewood within 100 feet of any running stream, pond, lake, marsh or wet area. No motorized vehicles are allowed off existing roads open to the public, even to gather firewood. Parking shall not block traffic.

WEED SEED-FREE FORAGE

hay, straw, whole grains, and cubed products are authorized To prevent the establishment and spread of noxious weeds, only certified pelletized feed or certified weed seed-free on public lands covered by this travel guide.

DURING FOREST FIRE SEASON

The fire season in Montana is from May 1 to September 30 for both state owned and Federal land.

Unless on foot, persons are required to have a shovel and bucket when lighting warming or camp fires in areas other than designated, improved campgrounds.

Two-wheeled motorized bikes, ATVs and pack trains must carry a shovel and bucket, unless travelling on federal or state highways, or paved public roads.

Power saw operators must have an eight-ounce, liquid-chemical or one-pound, dry chemical fire extinguisher and a shovel in his/her immediate possession. The saw must also have a screen type spark arrester installed.

All vehicles must be equipped with baffle-type mufflers and tailpipes or serviceable Forest Service-approved spark arresters.

ACCESS FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Selected areas that have motorized restrictions will be open to vehicle access for hunters with disabilities. The purpose is to give these hunters easier opportunities to hunt in areas that generally hold more game. Designated disabled access areas may vary from year to year. Please contact any public land agency office for information.

GAME RETRIEVAL

Persons may not travel in violation of designated travel restrictions on public lands to retrieve downed game. Contact the appropriate land management office for restrictions on adjacent public land not covered by this guide. Consult the Montana big game hunting regulations for game retrieval provisions on state and private land.

WILDERNESS

Bicycles and hang gliders are prohibited in wilderness areas.

RECOMMENED WILDERNESS AREA

Bicycles are prohibited in recommended wilderness areas.

THE REASONS FOR RESTRICTIONS

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION

Many restrictions are for protection of sensitive big game areas such as winter game ranges, calving grounds or security areas. Most are seasonal restrictions and are open to vehicles when animals are less likely to be disturbed. We cooperate with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in this effort.

RESOURCE PROTECTION

Some routes and areas are restricted in wet seasons to prevent rutting, erosion and other damage, and to reduce sediment which washes into streams, threatening trout habitat.

WILDERNESS PROTECTION

Some areas, such as wilderness, have special protection by Federal Law. It is unlawful to possess or operate any motorized vehicle or mechanized equipment within a classified wilderness area.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In specific cases, certain kinds of travel are restricted to insure user safety. Many routes have heavy traffic, others are on steep hillsides or are slippery when wet and some have logging truck or heavy equipment use.

HUNTING RECREATION OPPORTUNITY

We have established specific geographic areas to provide a full range of hunting opportunities, based on accessibility, challenge and risk, solitude and other factors. Some areas have been closed to motorized travel to make a range of these experiences available.

REDUCTION OF CONFLICT

In a few cases, it is necessary to give preference to one use over another to reduce conflict, such as restricting motorized vehicles on some cross-country skiing trails.

LANDOWNER COOPERATION

The Forest Service cooperates with landowners to provide access to public lands. At certain times of the year, we restrict some routes or areas, if necessary, to protect private property or livestock. Ask permission to hunt on private land.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Off-road vehicle travel is one of the many uses of public lands and can, when improperly done, damage the resources of these lands. A Montana OHV decal is required for trail and off-road use on public lands. The following are prohibited on National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands and enforced under Titles 36 and 43 Code of Federal Regulations.

Operating any vehicle, including any off-road vehicle...

- without a valid State operator's license where required by law
- without an operable braking system or a properly installed and working spark arrestor system
- from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless equipped with working head and tail lights.
- in violation of any applicable noise emission standard established by any Federal or State agency

Driving any vehicle including "off-road" vehicle...

- in excess of posted speeds
- while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- in a manner that creates excessive or unusual noise or smoke
- carelessly or without regard for the safety of others
- in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property
- in a manner creating excessive damage or disturbance of the land, wildlife, vegetative or cultural resource

Operating or parking any vehicle in developed recreation sites...

- in places not developed for this purpose
- for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site
- on a trail unless designated for this use
- in a manner that creates excessive or unusual noise or smoke

RECREATIONAL USE OF STATE TRUST LANDS

Persons hunting and fishing on **legally accessible** State Trust land may do so under authority of their Montana Conservation License. Trappers are required to obtain a Special Recreational Use License from their local DNRC office prior to trapping.

Special Recreation Use Licenses are also required for (1) commercial recreational activities (such as outfitting) and (2) non-commercial recreational use conducted by groups or organizations.

For most other types of non-commercial activities, a ***Use License*** available from vendors of hunting and fishing license providers, is required.

Designated open roads are posted and/or shown as GREEN ROUTES on travel plan maps. Unless otherwise designated, motorized vehicle use of roads/trails on State Trust Lands is prohibited. Off-road use is strictly prohibited.

Failure to possess or present the required license for inspection and/or motorized use of roads not designated as open, constitutes trespass and violators are subject to citations and fines.

TRAVEL ON BLM LANDS

Special travel management rules apply to all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands managed by the BLM Dillon Field Office - primarily Beaverhead and Madison Counties. Wheeled, motorized vehicles are limited to designated routes only as indicated by green or orange routes on this map, and signed with a white arrow on the ground. Roads not signed as open are closed to all wheeled motorized travel yearlong.

TEMPORARY CLOSURES OR RESTRICTIONS

Temporary controls may be established when use would be hazardous or when use would damage resources. Public notice of temporary controls will be available at Forest Service or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices having jurisdiction of the areas or routes. When controls are in effect, the areas and routes will be posted on the ground.

OTHER ROUTES NOT SHOWN ON MAP - Some roads on National Forest System lands may not be shown on this map. If they have locked gates, signs or route closure devices on them, they are closed to all motor vehicles.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY - Back-country travelers may encounter a variety of dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to inform yourself about these inherent risks and take appropriate precautions.

BOAT USE - Motor and wake restrictions may apply to lakes and rivers on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. Review the annual "Montana Boating Laws and Rules" brochure prepared by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for restrictions.

SNOWMOBILES - Montana State Law prohibits the operation of snowmobiles on plowed roads open to wheeled vehicle traffic. If you need to cross a plowed road, do so directly at a place with good sight distance. Avoid driving on set cross country ski tracks.

HOW TO USE TRAVEL PLAN INFORMATION

To use travel plan information with this map, refer to the codes in the ***Travel Plan Legend*** and the ***Area and Route Restrictions Table***.
The ***Map*** and the ***Legend*** show by color those areas which are open, restricted, or closed to motorized travel. The ***Area and Route Restrictions Table*** shows the type of vehicle restricted and the restricted (closed) period.
Roads and trails within an area closure follow the area closure restriction unless otherwise highlighted in orange or green.
In the ***Legend***, note that roads open yearlong in an area otherwise restricted are shown by ———.
Trails open yearlong in an area otherwise restricted are shown by ———. Trails are not open to most road vehicles. Refer to the ***Area and Route Restrictions Table***.
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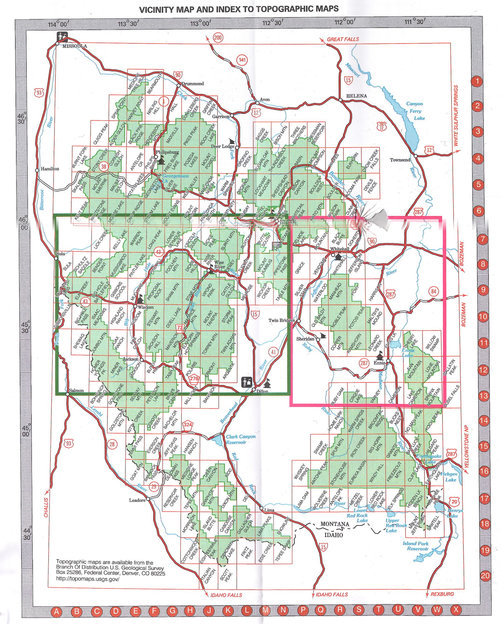
VICINITY MAP AND INDEX TO TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS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Clark Canyon Reservoir
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