TRAVEL PLAN INFORMATION

WHY ARE THERE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ?

The most common reasons for travel restrictions relate to:

WILDLIFE SECURITY - Permanent and seasonal travel restrictions are imposed to protect wildlife habitat, especially at critical times of the year in their winter range, calving grounds and security areas.

EROSION CONTROL - Some route restrictions are necessary to protect travel surfaces during saturated conditions. Soft roads and trails, particularly in the spring, are highly susceptible to rutting and severe erosion. The restrictions not only reduce maintenance costs, but protect water quality and aquatic habitats by minimizing sediment production.

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.

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 Beaverhead-Deerlodge 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 ***Route and Area Restrictions Table***.

The ***Map*** and the ***Legend*** show by color those areas which are open, restricted, or closed to motorized travel. The ***Route and Area Restrictions Table*** shows the type of vehicle restricted and the restricted (closed) period.

Roads and trails within an Area Restriction 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 ***Route and Area Restrictions Table***.

Roads restricted seasonally or yearlong are shown by ______.

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VEHICLE DEFINITIONS

ROAD VEHICLE - a motor vehicle which meets the requirements of appropriate State law or registration and licensing in order to travel on public highways and Forest development roads.

TRAIL VEHICLE - a motorized vehicle less than 50 inches wide, with two wheels, such as a trail bike, scooter, motorcycle or moped. Some trails are not suitable for use by two-wheeled trail vehicles.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) - a type of off-highway vehicle that travels on three or more low-pressure tires; has handle-bar steering; is less than or equal to 50 inches in width and has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.

Few trails are wide enough to accomodate 3 or 4-wheeled trail vehicles. These vehicles should not be operated on narrow trails or steep slopes.

SNOWMOBILE - an over-snow vehicle that operates on a track, uses one or more skis for steering, and has handle-bar steering and a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.

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.

Contact managing agencies for road/trail and area restrictions NOT on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Other restrictions may apply in adjacent Forests - contact adjacent Forest Ranger District Offices.

The restrictions covered under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 261, apply to the described AREAS and ROUTES during the periods indicated on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Map. Violators of these regulations are subject to a fine of not more than FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) DOLLARS or imprisonment for not more than SIX (6) MONTHS or both (USC 551).

MOTORIZED TRAVEL OFF ROADS AND TRAILS IS PROHIBITED ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

TRAVEL ON THE FOREST

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has established travel management regulations to enable safe travel while protecting natural and cultural resources and minimizing conflict between users. Please familiarize yourself with these regulations, and if you have any questions, please ask. By understanding and observing these regulations, you will have a more enjoyable visit. The regulations on this map are general in nature and apply broadly across the National Forest. Circumstances may require the Forest Supervisor to issue orders that supplement or modify those shown in this publication, such as for emergency closures. Orders will be posted at local National Forests offices and at the affected site.

In 2005, a new travel management regulation came into effect for all National Forest System lands. This regulation requires designation of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use by vehicle type and time of year. These designations will be shown on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). If a route is not shown on the MVUM, then it is not designated. Operating wheeled motor vehicles off designated roads and trails is not allowed. Snowmobiles may be used subject to the travel restriction index below. Please contact a local National Forest office to check on MVUM availability for a given area, as each forest will be completing a MVUM by 2009. The MVUM may reflect updates to the system that are not shown on this general recreation visitor map.

TRAVEL PLAN LEGEND

(61) Area restriction reference

[7] Trail or road restriction reference

Roads and Trails with a restriction.

Designated road or trails open yearlong to motorized vehicles in an area otherwise restricted. Motorized vehicles must stay on road or trail.

Restricted area boundary

Designates a change in restriction on the same route

Other private lands not covered by this map.

Adjacent National Forest lands not covered by this map.

ROUTE (ROAD/TRAIL) AND AREA RESTRICTIONS

CLOSED DURING DATES SHOWN BELOW

ROAD/ TRAIL	AREA	ROAD VEHICLE	ATV	TRAILBIKE	SNOWMOBILE
1	1	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong
2	2	Dec 2 - May 15	Dec 2 - May 15	Dec 2 - May 15	Dec 2 - May 15
	4	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	No Restrictions
5	5	Oct 15 - May 15	Oct 15 - May 15	Oct 15 - May 15	Oct 15 - May 15
6		Apr 1 - Jul 1	Apr 1 - Jul 1	Apr 1 - Jul 1	No Restrictions
7	7	Oct 15 - Dec 2	Oct 15 - Dec 2	Oct 15 - Dec 2	Oct 15 - Dec 2
8	8	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	May 15 - Dec 2
13 [1]		Yearlong	Yearlong	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
28		Dec 2 - May 15	Dec 2 - May 15	Dec 2 - May 15	Yearlong
54		Dec 2 - Jun 15	Dec 2 - Jun 15	Dec 2 - Jun 15	Yearlong
	46	Lakes closed yearlong to all gasoline motors			
	61	May 16 - Dec 1	May 16 - Dec 1	May 16 - Dec 1	May 16 - Dec 1
62		Yearlong	Yearlong	May 16 - Dec 1	May 16 - Dec 1
[2]	RW	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong

1 On groomed snowmobile trails, dates may vary according to snow conditions.

2 (RW) Recommended Wilderness Area. Bicycles are prohibited within these areas.

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.

OTHER ROUTES NOT SHOWN ON MAP

Some routes on public lands may not be shown on this map. If they have locked gates, barriers or route closure devices on them, they are closed to all motor vehicles unless otherwise signed.

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. Wheeled motorized vehicles are not allowed off existing roads open to the public, even to gather firewood. Parking shall not block traffic.

RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS AREA

Bicycles are prohibited in recommended wilderness areas.

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 traveling 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 equal 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 travel restrictions on public lands to retrieve downed game. Contact the 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.

WEED SEED-FREE FORAGE

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

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 ***Recreational 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.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Off-highway 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-highway 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 ATV...

- without a valid State operator's license where required by law
- without an operable braking system or a properly installed and working exhaust 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 ATV...

- 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

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 wildernesses, 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.

RECREATION SITES

RECREATION SITES	Location	Camping Units	Picnic Units	FACILITIES
BANNACK STATE PARK (FWP)	H13	20		
BARRETTS PARK (Bureau of Rec.)	L13	13		
BLOODY DICK Rental Cabin	E14			
CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR (Bureau of Rec.)				
ARMSTEAD ISLAND	K15		2	
BEAVERHEAD	K15	40		
CAMEAHWAIT	J15	10		
CAMP FORTUNATE	K15			
FISHING ACCESS	K14	7		
HAP HAWKINS	J15	8		
HORSE PRAIRIE	J15	10		
LEWIS AND CLARK	K15			
LONETREE	K15	14	6	
RED ROCKS	K15			
SOUTH SHORE	J15			
WEST CAMEAHWAIT	J15	2		
DEADWOOD GULCH (BLM)	K17			
EAST CREEK	L18	4		
GRASSHOPPER	K14			
HENNEBERRY (FWP)	K14			
HORSE PRAIRIE Rental Cabin	F14			
PIPE ORGAN (BLM)	K14			
POINDEXTER SLOUGH	L13			
RESERVOIR LAKE	E14	16	1	
SACAJAWEA MEMORIAL AREA	E15	2	2	
SHOSHONE RIDGE (BLM)	G15			

POINTS OF INTEREST

POINTS OF INTEREST	Location
BANNACK STATE PARK	J13
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY MUSEUM	L13
CAMP FORTUNATE OVERLOOK	K15
LEMHI PASS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK	E15
NATIONAL TRAILS	
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL	E16
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL	H14
NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL	E14
ROAD AGENTS ROCK	J13
WESTWARD VIEW	E15

KEY TO RECREATION SYMBOLS

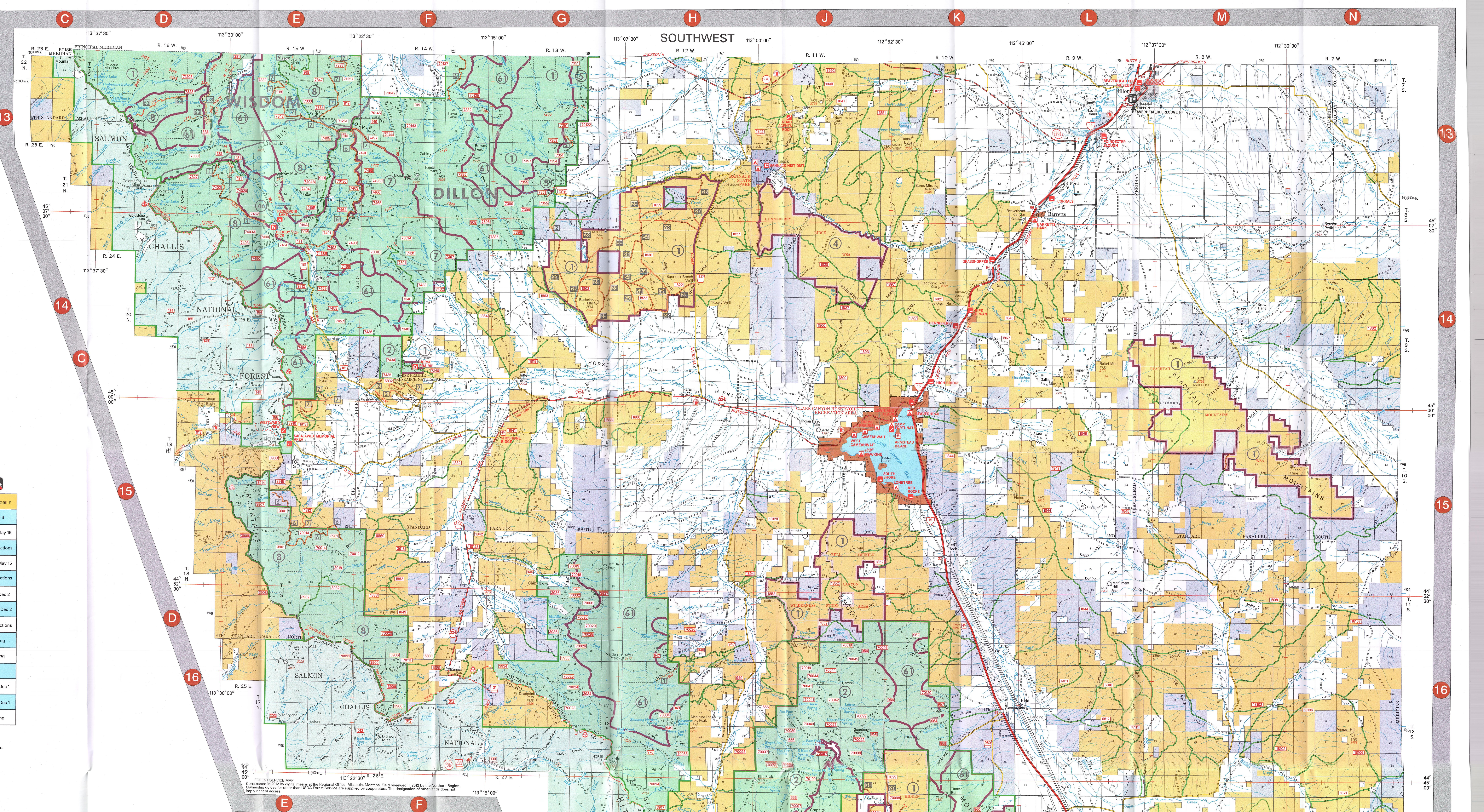
- Forest Service Campground
- Non-Forest Service Campground
- Forest Service Picnic/Rest Area
- Non-Forest Service Picnic/Rest Area
- Trailer Space
- Drinking Water
- Toilets
- Boat Launch
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Rafting
- Hiking
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Interpretive Trail
- Facilities for Disabled
-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

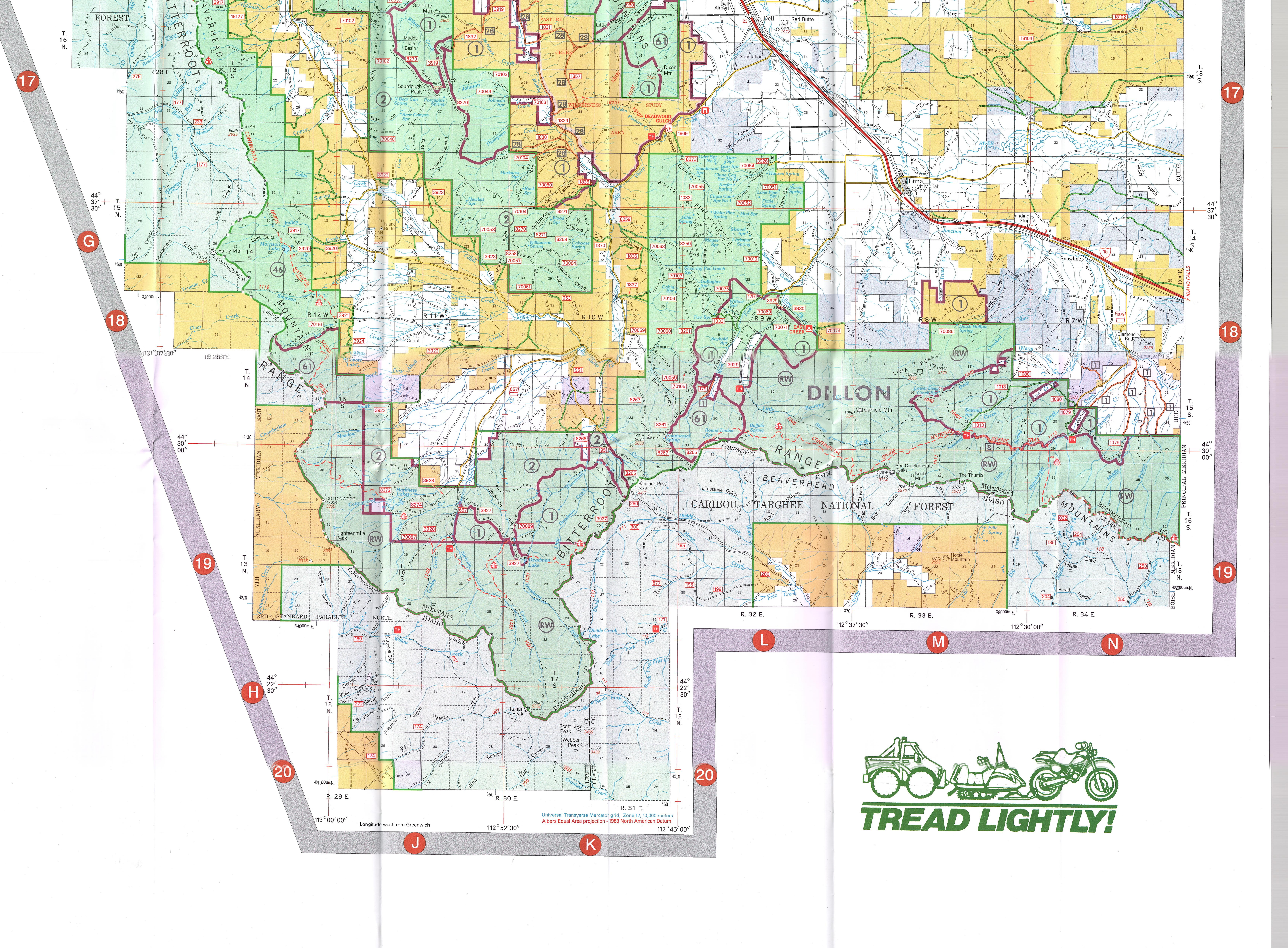
Important Travel Notice
Effective July 1, 2001

Cross-country travel by motorized, wheeled vehicles is prohibited yearlong on all lands administered by the Forest Service. Please stay on roads and trails. The purpose of these restrictions is to protect riparian areas, wetlands, crucial wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered species, soils and vegetation, aquatic resources, and/or to reduce user conflicts.

Unless otherwise restricted, cross-country travel to a campsite within 300 feet of a road or trail is permitted by the most direct route causing the least damage. Site selection must be completed by nonmotorized means.

Please contact your local Forest Service office for additional exceptions and restrictions.





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

Longitude west from Greenwich

TREAD LIGHTLY!

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