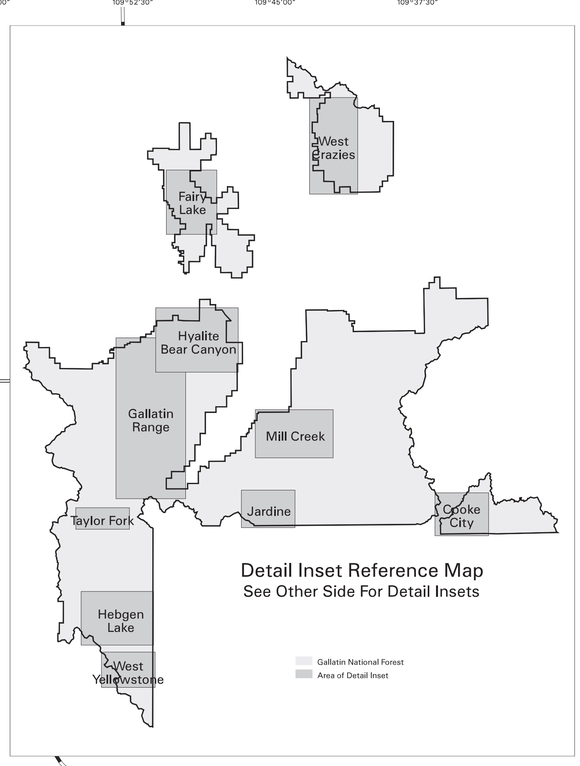
OVER-SNOW VEHICLE USE AND WINTER TRAILS MAP
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Welcome to the Gallatin National Forest - a very special place! We invite you to explore this treasured landscape and discover for yourself, all that it has to offer.

Refer to Motor Vehicle Use Map for information on year round wheeled vehicle opportunities.

LEGEND
(See other side of map for legend detail)

- Snowmobile Route (Groomed 1/1 thru 4/15)
- Snowmobile Route (Groomed 12/2 thru 4/15)
- Marked Snowmobile Route
- Groomed XC-Ski Route
- Marked XC-Ski Route
- Marked XC-Ski Route (All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited)
- Shared Use - Snowmobile and XC-Ski Route
- Route Through Area Closure Open to Snowmobiles and Wheeled Vehicles
- Plowed Road
- Intermittently Plowed Road
- Unplowed Access Route
- Highway - US or State
- National Forest System Lands Open to Snowmobiles
- NFS Lands - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Yearlong
- NFS Lands - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Oct. 15 thru Dec. 1
- Non-NFS Lands
- State of Montana Lands (Gallatin Wildlife Management Area) - Closed to Snowmobiles - For Information Contact Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area
- Gallatin National Forest Boundary
- Designated Wilderness Boundary
- Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area Boundary
- P Winter Parking
- C Forest Service Cabin Operated in Winter - See www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin for Information



Detail Inset Reference Map
See Other Side For Detail Insets

Snowmobile use within the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study area is regulated by special order closure under 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b). Please see the Gallatin National Forest Website at: www. fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/ under the travel planning implementation orders link for the most current closure information.

Main Boulder County Road may be plowed for the Main Boulder Fuels Reduction Project in the 2009-2010 winter season

Rendezvous Ski Trails - for more detail see www.rendezvousskitrails.com

AVALANCHE AWARENESS

Know Before You Go!
Call the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche information hotline for updated weather and avalanche information. The daily advisories cover the Bridger, Gallatin, Madison and Washburn mountain ranges, and the mountains around Cooke City and Lionhead area near West Yellowstone. Advisories can be heard by calling 587-6981 or accessed at: www.mtavalanche.com

Awareness While Traveling:
Look for evidence of recent avalanches, shooting cracks in the snow or snow collapsing with a "whump" sound. These signs usually mean the snow is unstable. The avalanche danger is likely increasing if it is snowing, blowing or raining.

Recognizing Avalanche Terrain:
* Avalanches typically start on slopes steeper than about 30 degrees, but can be triggered from below on flatter terrain in unstable conditions.
* Slopes with wind deposited snow are often unstable. Cornices and "pillows" indicate wind deposited snow.
* A slope that has recently avalanched indicates unstable conditions on other slopes if similar angle, aspect and elevation.

Safety Tips:
* If you ride or ski on or beneath potential avalanche slopes, travel one at a time, even when "high marking" on snowmobiles.
* Don't stop in areas exposed to avalanches, or park at the bottom of avalanche terrain.
* If caught, try to ride or ski out of the slide, but if this fails, make swimming motions while trying to stay on the surface of the snow.
* Do NOT go to help someone who has their snowmobile stuck.
* If your partner is buried, do not leave the scene since you are their best hope for survival. A buried victim has a 90% chance of living if they are dug up within 15 minutes. The chance of survival falls below 50% at 30 minutes and 30% at 40 minutes. It is imperative that you remain on the scene, mark the last seen point, look for surface clues and search with your avalanche beacon if you have one.
* Have all members of the group carry avalanche beacons, shovels and probes. Be sure everyone knows how to use them, and carries this rescue equipment on their bodies.

DEFINITIONS

Groomed Route: Those ski or snowmobile routes where the desire is to groom routinely to provide for user comfort and convenience. Funding limitations, availability of grooming machinery, or other issues may prevent these routes from being groomed frequently or in some cases not at all. Groomed snowmobile trails are marked with orange diamonds, groomed ski trails are marked with blue diamonds.

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.

Snowmobile: A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehicle 50 inches or less in width, designed for use over snow, runs on a single track and uses one or more skis for steering.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY

Operating a motor vehicle, or snowmobile on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails or in open areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in city or other developed setting. Not only must the motor vehicle operators know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but they need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest visitors. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. Operators of motor vehicles are subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially snowmobile use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury and possibly death to participants. Riders should drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote riding/driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks and dangers. Motor vehicle and snowmobile operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Much of the GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST is remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST. Recreationists should take adequate food, water, first aid supplies and other safety equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEDGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN NON-RESTRICTED AREAS FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAVEL.

You should read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST for clarification.

Road, trail and area users must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user.

PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

This map shows the prohibitions and open areas for use of over-snow vehicles (snowmobiles only) on the Gallatin National Forest pursuant to 36 CFR 212.81. The map also provides information relative to snowmobile and ski trail locations, and articulates certain prohibited activities on those routes. For detailed information about summer motorized routes see the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

The display of winter trail information on this map, or areas where snowmobiles are not restricted should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the area, trail or route is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Seasonal weather conditions, and natural events may render some routes impassible for extended periods. Areas that do not prohibit cross country snowmobile travel may contain dangerous or impassible terrain. Dangerous winter driving conditions will prevail on all routes, even those indicated on the map as "plowed" or "intermittently plowed", and these routes may be impassable. Snowmobile and ski trails that are designated as "marked or groomed" also have many inherent dangers, and won't always be passable or discernable.

This over-snow vehicle use and winter trail map identifies those roads and trails managed for winter recreation under the Gallatin Travel Plan decision and 36 CFR 212.81 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibitions at 36 CFR 261.14. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations and restrictions apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System Trails and areas on National Forest Lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate an over-snow vehicle on National Forest System lands in violation of restriction or prohibition established pursuant to 36 CFR 212, subpart C. (36 CFR 261.14)

Violations of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to $5,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both (U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

Roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures, and visitors must comply with signs notifying them of such restrictions. A National Forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural and cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52(b); 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

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Website: www.mtavalanche.com

Information Sources

Gallatin National Forest Supervisor's Office
P.O. Box 130, 10 Escalator Street
Bozeman, MT 59771
Phone: (406) 587-6701
(406) 587-6801 (Telephone Device for the Deaf-TDD)
website: www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin

Bozeman Ranger District
3710 Fallon Street, Suite C
Bozeman, MT 59718
Phone (406) 522-2520 (Voice & TDD)

Big Timber Ranger District
P.O. Box 1130, H225 Big Timber Loop Road
Big Timber, MT 59011
Phone (406) 932-5155 (Voice & TDD)

Livingston Ranger District
5242 Highway 89 South
Livingston, MT 59047
Phone (406) 222-1892 (Voice & TDD)

Gardiner Ranger District
P.O. Box 5, Highway 89
Gardiner, MT 59030
Phone (406) 848-7375 (Voice & TDD)

Hebgen Lake Ranger District
P.O. Box 520, 331 Highway 191 North
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
Phone: (406) 823-6961 (Voice & TDD)

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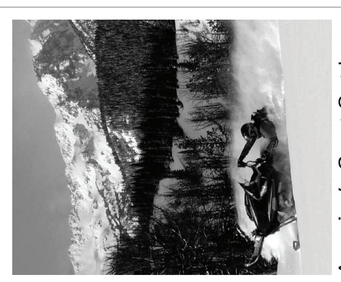
OVER-SNOW VEHICLE USE MAP
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
Effective Dates
12/01/10-11/30/11



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