Motor Vehicle Use Map
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SPOTTED BEAR Ranger District

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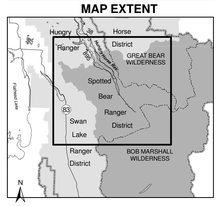

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this map are effective as of the date stamped or printed on the front cover. This map shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Spotted Bear Ranger District that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This map also contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas that enumerates the types of vehicles that are allowed on each route and in each area and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the road, trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. 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 apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It Is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Spotted Bear Ranger District other than in accordance with these designations (CFR 261.13)

Violations of 36 CFR 261.13 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.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Spotted Bear Ranger District. Obtain forest visitor information from the local National Forest Office.

Designated 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 or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52(b); 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

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.

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a 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 users. 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 off-highway vehicle 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 driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Motor vehicle operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Much of the Spotted Bear Ranger District is remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Spotted Bear Ranger District. Operators should take adequate food, water, first aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Spotted Bear Ranger District for clarification.

Legend

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Trails Open to Motorcycles Only
- Seasonal Designation
- Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval
- Highways, US, State, County
- Other Public Roads
- Other Public Trails
- Milepost Marker
- FS Campground
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Wilderness Areas
- Township and Range Lines
- Section Lines
- Lakes and Rivers

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:

Trails open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

Roads open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads.

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping:

Used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate on which side this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right or both sides of the route. Refer to the Dispersed Camping Table for specifics.

Other Public Roads and Trails:
- Interstate
- Highways, US, State, County
- Other Public Roads
- Other Public Trails

Used to show routes not designated for motorized use by the Forest Service. Part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

Milepost Marker:

Used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

DISPERSED CAMPING

· Motor vehicle travel off of designated roads on National Forest System Lands for the purpose of dispersed camping is permissible within 300 feet of designated motorized roads.

· Campsite selection must be completed by nonmotorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route (no more than 300 feet) without causing resource damage.

· Cutting, damaging, or harming (such as driving over) trees or vegetation is not allowed to access dispersed camping spots.

· Moving, going around, going over, or going past barriers on roads (i.e., gates, rocks, berms, barriers, signs, etc.) is not allowed.

· In all developed recreation sites, such as developed campgrounds, picnic sites, trailheads, boat launches, etc., motor vehicle access is restricted to designated roads and parking sites only. 300 feet access off these roads is not allowed to access dispersed campsites.

· This 300-foot district wide access exception does not apply where existing seasonal restrictions prohibit traveling off designated routes to a campsite. Existing local rules take precedence over this exception. This distance could be modified through subsequent site-specific planning.

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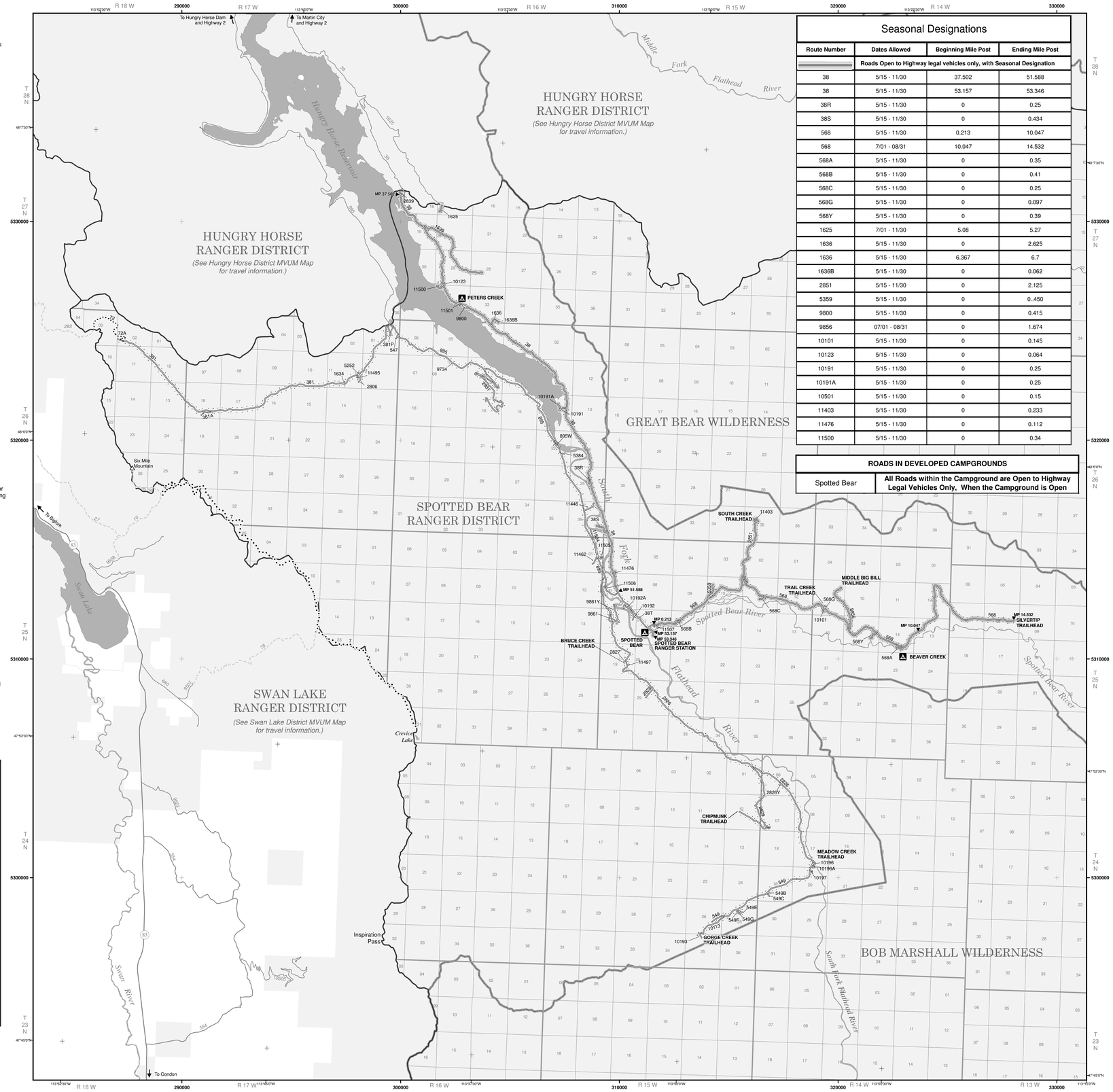
All designated motorized Forest Service system roads open to the waters edge remain legally open to both motorized access and the 300 feet dispersed camping



Seasonal Designations

Route Number	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post
Roads Open to Highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation			
38	5/15 - 11/30	37.502	51.588
38	5/15 - 11/30	53.157	53.346
38R	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.25
38S	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.434
568	5/15 - 11/30	0.213	10.047
568	7/01 - 08/31	10.047	14.532
568A	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.35
568B	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.41
568C	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.25
568G	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.097
568Y	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.39
1625	7/01 - 11/30	5.08	5.27
1636	5/15 - 11/30	0	2.625
1636	5/15 - 11/30	6.367	6.7
1636B	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.062
2851	5/15 - 11/30	0	2.125
5359	5/15 - 11/30	0	0..450
9800	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.415
9856	07/01 - 08/31	0	1.674
10101	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.145
10123	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.064
10191	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.25
10191A	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.25
10501	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.15
11403	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.233
11476	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.112
11500	5/15 - 11/30	0	0.34

ROADS IN DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS	
Spotted Bear	All Roads within the Campground are Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, When the Campground is Open