Order Number: 10-11-00-02

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
10 East Babcock Ave.
P.O. Box 130, Federal Building
Bozeman, MT 59771
Forest Supervisor's Special Order

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) & (b) the following restrictions are in effect on the Gallatin National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect for one year.

36 CFR 261.56 – Use of Vehicles Off National Forest System Roads:

When provided by an order, it is prohibited to possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System roads. [36 CFR 261.56]

For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to use or possess snowmobiles, tracked ATVs, or other over-snow vehicles; this use is **prohibited yearlong** in the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn (HPBH) Wilderness Study Area as (described by Public Law 95-150), **except** snowmobiles are allowed in a small open area in the Golden Trout Lakes Basin and west of Windy Pass (see the attached map exhibit) from December 2 – April 15.

36 CFR 261.55 – Forest Development Trails:

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [36 CFR 261.55 (b)]

For the purposes of this order, relative to the Big Sky Snowmobile Trail #900 and open area as designated on-the-ground and displayed on the attached map; **snowmobiles are permitted to use the Big Sky Snowmobile Trail on the designated route only from December 2 – April 15**; it is prohibited to use or possess tracked ATVs, or any other over-snow vehicle on the trail. Snowmobiles are limited to the designated route, and must stay within 300' of either side of the marked trail. 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. This closure area and designated snowmobile trail are also displayed with the Gallatin National Forest 2010/2011 Over Snow Vehicle Use Map.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Bozeman, Montana this 17th day of November, 2010.

MARY C. ERICKSON
Forest Supervisor
Gallatin National Forest

Penalty: Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. [16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571].

Notification: A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.