



Lolo National Forest, Fort Missoula  
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## **Food Storage Requirements on the Lolo National Forest**

A food storage order signed in 2011 requires food storage practice across the Forest to reduce the potential for human-wildlife encounters.

**Food, carcasses, and attractants must be stored in a bear-resistant container or stored in a bear-resistant manner if they are unattended. In the front country (most of the Forest) these same items must also be stored in camp at night, unless they are being consumed, prepared for transport or storage. In some limited backcountry areas on the Ninemile and Seeley Lake Ranger Districts during the night these items may be attended instead of stored. For specific information on the new order and to view specific locations of backcountry and frontcountry areas for each district, please see the Lolo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lolo/foodstorage>**

### **Approved storage means**

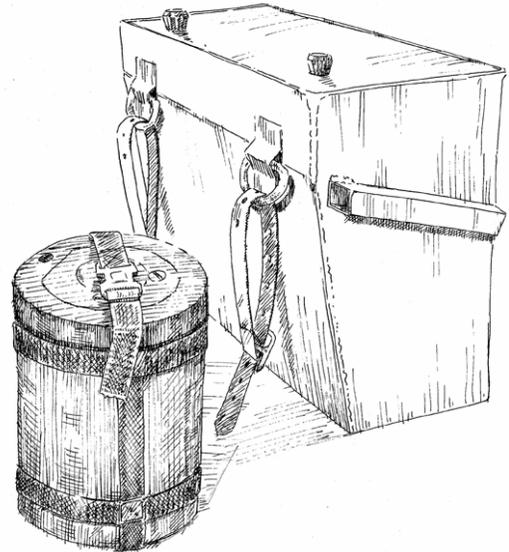
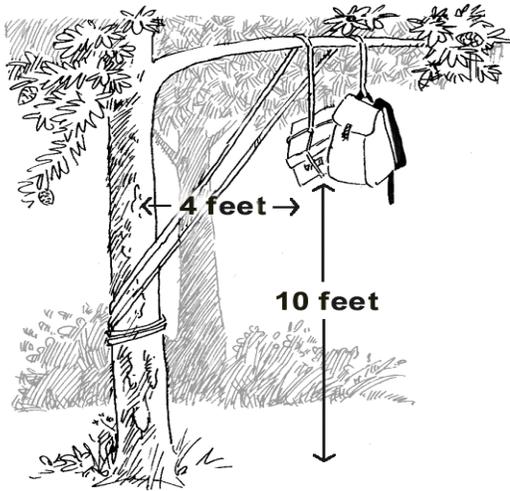
- *A bear resistant container* that has been approved by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee. Please see their website at <http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html>. Most bear-resistant containers sold in local outdoor retail stores meet these requirements.
- *Stored in a bear resistant manner means* hung 10 feet off the ground and four feet horizontally from a tree or other structure; stored in a hard-sided camper; vehicle trunk, or cab or trailer cab; in a hard-sided building, or stored using an electric fence.

**Wildlife Carcasses:** carcasses that are within a half-mile of any camp or sleeping area must be stored in an approved bear-proof manner during nighttime hours. If a carcass is within an attended camp during daylight hours it may be on the ground.

**Burning Attractants:** attractants are things like leftover food, bacon grease, etc. They cannot be buried, burned in an open campfire, or left behind in camp. All attractants must be stored in a sealed container and packed out with garbage – or placed in a container and burned so that the contents do not leach into the ground.

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## *Food must be stored in a bear-resistant manner!*



## **Store your food and attractants, livestock food and garbage**

- *Attractants such as leftover food, bacon grease, etc.*
- *Any harvested animal carcasses, including fish, birds, or other animal parts that are within a half-mile of any camping or sleeping area must be stored. If an animal carcass is within an attended camp during daylight hours it may be on the ground.*
- **Additional resources** on bear-resistant containers can be found at the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee website:  
<http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html>

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