



# Flathead National Forest

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## **Please Use Caution When on the Flathead National Forest**

Forest users are strongly encouraged to use caution when traveling and recreating on the Flathead National Forest. Saturated soils and recent moisture have limited access to locations and created some road and trail damage across the forest.

Most campgrounds are open, but a few individual sites may be inaccessible due to muddy conditions. Road and trail conditions vary and there are deep snow levels at most higher elevation locations. Extreme caution should be used near or on a river, stream or lake, especially at water crossings. High and fast moving waters may be encountered.

- The East-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road, Forest Road #38 is open.
- The West-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road, Forest Road #895, is open to snowmobile travel as conditions allow through Tuesday, May 31.
- Doris Creek Boat Launch, Doris Creek Campground, Lost Johnny Point Campground, Lost Johnny Camp Campground and Lid Creek Campground on the west side of the reservoir are closed.
- Due to the low water level of the Hungry Horse Reservoir, the only boat launch available is at Abbott Bay on the east side of the reservoir. This launch is only recommended for small boats at this time.
- The West-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road, Forest Road #895 will be closed from the Hungry Horse Dam to approximately the Lid Creek Campground beginning Monday, June 6 to continue repaving work on the first 11 miles of the road. The road will be closed throughout the summer. Access to locations along the west-side of the reservoir, south of Lid Creek, will be accessible via the East-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road. During the repaving work, sites within the first 11 miles (Doris Creek Boat Launch, Doris Creek Campground, Lost Johnny Point Campground, Lost Johnny Camp Campground and Lid Creek Campground) will only be accessible by water and services at each site will not be available. This re-paving project, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was initiated last fall. The project includes replacing the existing pavement, approximately 11 miles in length, and replacing culverts, building retaining wall, and road substructure repair.
- Gravel resurfacing work will continue on both the East-side and West-side Hungry Horse Reservoir Roads, beginning May 31, as conditions allow. Travelers are reminded to drive with caution as there will be increased truck traffic around the reservoir. This work is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For updated information on temporary road restrictions, campgrounds, and spring access on the Flathead National Forest, please contact the respective ranger district:

Hungry Horse/Glacier View at 387-3800,  
Tally Lake at 758-5204,  
Swan Lake at 837-7500, and  
Spotted Bear at 758-5376.

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