



Flathead National Forest

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Some Flathead National Forest Locations Closed Due to Increased Water Levels

Flathead River access sites on the Flathead National Forest at West Glacier and Blankenship are closed due to increasing water levels. Some sites at the Big Creek Campground near the North Fork of the Flathead River, north of Columbia Falls are closed, as well as the beach area at the Tally Lake Campground.

Recent moisture, up to 2 inches, has been recorded across the Flathead National Forest in the last 24 hours.

Water levels are increasing in most rivers, streams and lakes, and forest users are encouraged to be very cautious with any water-related recreation, work or travel. Waters levels are fluctuating quickly and water currents are moving fast. The amount of debris in rivers and streams has increased greatly in amount and size of the items, causing some hazardous conditions.

Some forest areas are still not accessible due to snow, and muddy conditions exist across the forest. Roads and trails are saturated, and in some instances water is flowing across the travel way. Please use caution when traveling on the national forest.

The public is requested to communicate any issues or hazards created by increased moisture to a local Forest Service office. Forest employees are monitoring across the forest, and appreciate the public's help in identifying these situations.

For updated information on temporary road restrictions, campgrounds, and 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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