

WINTER Use Map

DUBOIS Ranger District CARIBOU-TARGHEE National Forests

This map describes winter travel opportunities during the SNOW SEASON. It takes effect when local conditions prevent travel on roads and trails by wheeled vehicles. If wheeled or snow-machine vehicles cause unacceptable impacts to forest resources, a Special Order may be issued to eliminate the conflict.

Where winter trail grooming has begun on winter-designated routes, wheeled vehicles will be restricted to plowed routes. Cross-country snow-machine travel is permitted from the beginning of the snow season through June 1, except where specifically prohibited by Management Prescription. The beginning date of the "SNOW SEASON" will be declared by the District Ranger.

Additional closures or restrictions may be made at any time for resource protection or public safety. To avoid inconvenience, visitors are encouraged to contact local Ranger District offices for current travel information.

The definition of unacceptable impacts means "rutting of the road, trail, or other surface by any type of vehicle traveling during wet or muddy conditions, damaging any type of fish or wildlife habitat, or harassing any wildlife." Rutting causes deterioration of road surfaces, increases road maintenance costs, aids soil erosion, and can reduce water quality.

The Dubois Ranger District is a landscape with a wide variety of snow conditions and outstanding scenery. It provides ample opportunities for winter recreation including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

There are no groomed snowmobile trails within the District, however there are opportunities for riders at any skill level. Whether you choose to ride the existing road system or run the backcountry, you will not be disappointed. A small cross-country ski trail system can be found near the Stoddard Creek campground.

Information on snow conditions and recreation opportunities can be obtained from the local Ranger District office.

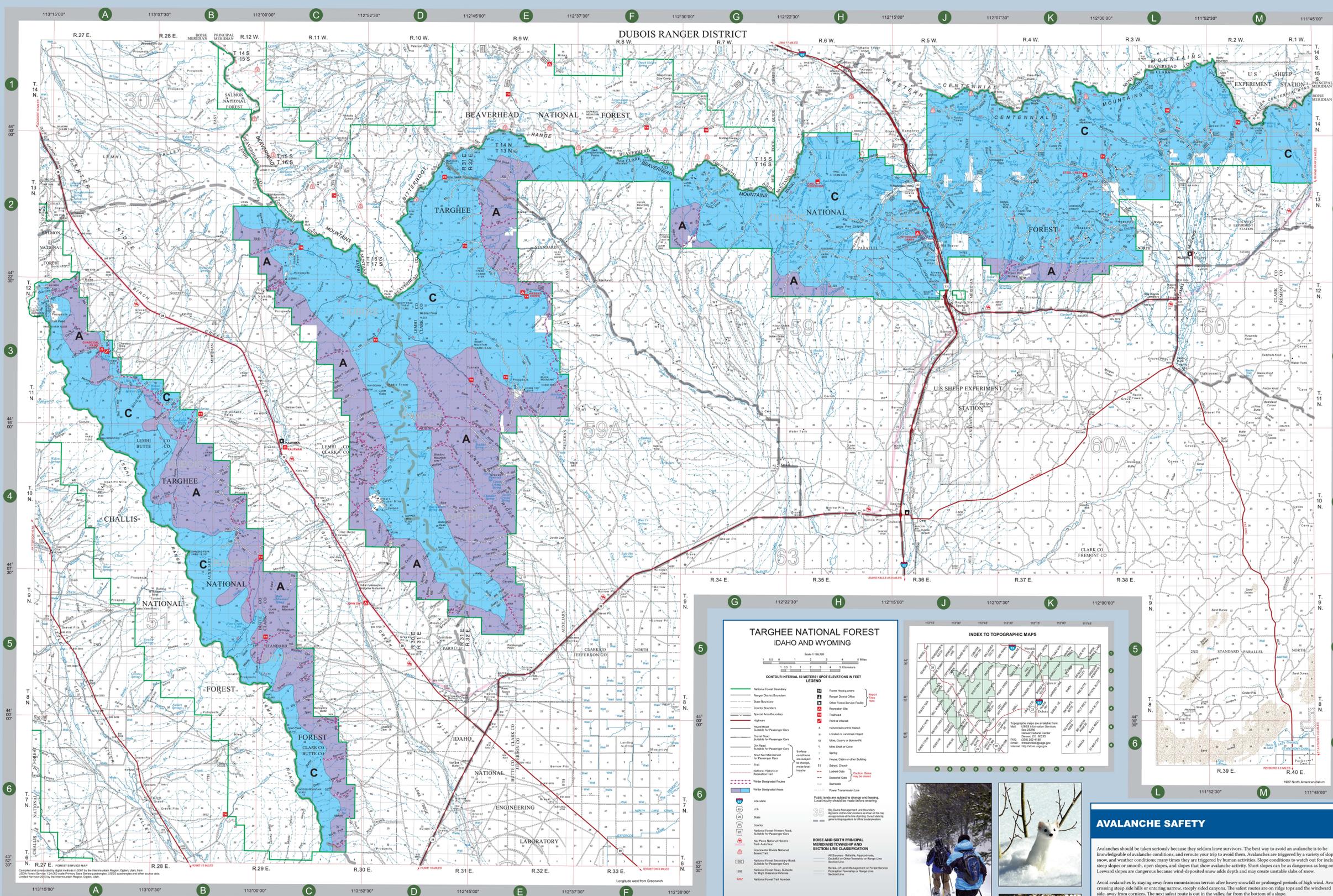
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SHERIFF

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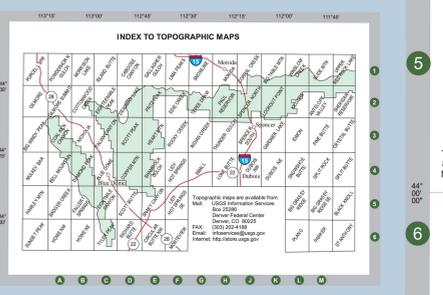


TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST IDAHO AND WYOMING

Scale 1:100,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 METERS / SPOT ELEVATIONS IN FEET

| LEGEND | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| National Forest Boundary | Forest Headquarters |
| Range District Boundary | Range District Office |
| County Boundary | Old-Forest Service Facility |
| State Area Boundary | Recreation Site |
| Highway | Point of Interest |
| Power Road | Historical Control Station |
| Gravel Road | Lookout or Lookout Point |
| Trail | Wilderness Boundary |
| Water | Wilderness Study Area |
| Water Designated Route | Wilderness Study Area |
| Power Transmission Line | Power Transmission Line |
| Interstate | Public lands are subject to change and leasing. LAND RIGHTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED. |
| State | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
| County | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
| National Forest Primary Road | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
| National Forest Secondary Road | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
| National Forest Tertiary Road | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
| National Forest Quaternary Road | Big Game Management Unit Boundary |
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AVALANCHE SAFETY

Avalanches should be taken seriously because they seldom leave survivors. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to be knowledgeable of avalanche conditions, and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches are triggered by a variety of slope, snow, and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human activities. Slope conditions to watch out for include steep slopes or smooth, open slopes, and slopes that show avalanche activity. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountains terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridge tops and the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

AVALANCHE SURVIVAL

If you are caught in an avalanche:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- Discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile or discard all ski equipment.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand or any other part of your body above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to preserve oxygen.

SNOW SAFETY

• Operate at safe speeds.

• Carry an avalanche transceiver and shovel.

• Keep it tight on trails.

• Leave trip plans with friends or relatives.

• Check weather forecast.

• Adequately dress for the conditions.

• Stay off plowed roads while snowmobiling.

• Beware of hazards along trails, including fences, downed trees, cattle guards, plowed roads, and large animals such as moose and elk.

WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

- Matches
- Extra food
- First aid kit
- Candles & flashlight
- Map & compass
- Whistle
- Space blanket
- Duct tape
- Knife
- Wire
- Cell phone

OBEY THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

PURCHASE SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS. State law requires snowmobile registrations on all snowmobiles. Registrations are available at local vendors. Off-trail travel can be hazardous due to barbed wire fences, creek crossings, and rocks. Know and respect Wilderness boundaries and regulations as well as private property boundaries.

BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS

Winter trails are used by a wide range of visitors. Be considerate of these visitors. Not only will this help ensure a tranquil, safe environment to enjoy the Forest, it also helps protect natural resources. Here's how you can do your part:

- Be friendly and tolerant of other forms of recreation. Communicate, don't confront. Be an ambassador for your own user group.
- Take the time to find out about other user's needs.
- Consider others when parking. Don't block turn-around or trail accesses.

RESPECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

• Do not snowmobile over the tops of small trees. This damages the growing portion of the tree.

• Wildlife is important to everyone. Respect winter range closures. Always give wildlife space.

• Help preserve the beauty of the area by remembering to pack out everything you bring in.

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

Idaho and Wyoming State law prohibits the use of snowmobiles on public and National Forest roads which are plowed and maintained for use by four-wheeled vehicles.



TRAVEL MAP LEGEND

- Lands administered by Caribou-Targhee National Forests
- Other lands not covered by this Travel Map

WINTER RANGE

This area is used by various wildlife species - specifically deer, elk, and moose - during the winter months. The area is critical to the survival of these animals during the winter. Observe the restrictions shown in the "WINTER CROSS-COUNTRY USE" and the "WINTER DESIGNATED ROUTES" matrices to help insure the best possible chance for wildlife survival during the winter period.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS MAP FOR SUMMER USE OPPORTUNITIES

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

The following matrices were created to assist the Forest visitor by identifying "WINTER CROSS-COUNTRY USE" areas and "WINTER DESIGNATED ROUTES" where motorized and non-motorized use can take place.

| AREA REFERENCE LETTER | WINTER CROSS-COUNTRY USE (Opportunities and Restrictions Off Designated Routes) | | | PURPOSE OF REGULATION |
|-----------------------|---|--|----------------------------|--|
| | NON-MOTORIZED USES | OVER-SNOW MOTORIZED VEHICLES | WHEELED MOTORIZED VEHICLES | |
| A | OPEN | CLOSED Except on designated routes | CLOSED | To protect wilderness or wildlife in winter ranges and cross-country ski areas |
| C | OPEN | OPEN from the beginning of the snow season through June 1 | CLOSED | To protect wildlife going to and from winter ranges |

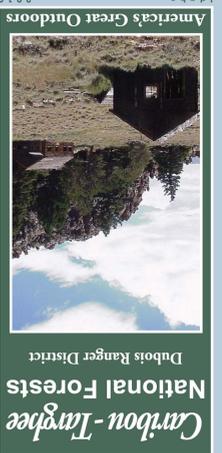
The "WINTER DESIGNATED ROUTES" matrix shows by symbol which "routes" are open, restricted, or closed to motorized or non-motorized uses.

| DESIGNATED ROUTE | WINTER DESIGNATED ROUTES (Opportunities and Restrictions) | | | PURPOSE OF REGULATION |
|------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | NON-MOTORIZED USES | OVER-SNOW MOTORIZED VEHICLES | WHEELED MOTORIZED VEHICLES | |
| ----- | OPEN To cross-country skiing only | CLOSED | CLOSED | Cross-country ski routes |
| ----- | OPEN | PERMITTED Unless plowed | CLOSED | Designated winter travel route (may or may not be groomed for snowmobiles) |

The boundary of Travel Restricted Areas may be marked as shown to the right; also refer to the "Winter Designated Routes" and "Winter Cross-Country Use" matrices for restrictions.

- BIG GAME WINTER RANGE - CLOSED TO ALL TRAVEL
- CROSS-COUNTRY SNOWMOBILE TRAVEL WITH RESTRICTIONS
- WINTER TRAVEL ROUTE
- WINTER RANGE TRAVEL ON DESIGNATED ROUTES

These are the types of signs you may encounter - but are not all inclusive.



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FOR INFORMATION

Call or write the appropriate District headquarters for information regarding recreation facilities or other forest information.

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