



Flathead National Forest

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Hellroaring Basin Spring Closure for Grizzly Bears

KALISPELL, MT – The Flathead National Forest announces that effective April 1, 2012, the Hellroaring Basin at the Whitefish Mountain Resort on Big Mountain is closed. This closure occurs each spring to provide important security areas for emerging grizzly bears.

Skiers and snowboarders are asked to comply with this closure. Skiers and boarders will have their passes (day or season) revoked for violating the in area closure. The Hellroaring Basin will be signed at all gates and Chair 8 will not be in operation.

April also brings changes for snowmobilers. On April 1st, snowmobilers will only be allowed to access the summit of the mountain and the Summit House by the Canyon Creek trail.

The entire Whitefish Mountain Resort ski area and snowmobile access to the summit will close April 8, 2012.

For questions regarding the Hellroaring Basin closure, please contact Hans Castren, Resource Assistant for the Tally Lake Ranger District, at 758-5352.

For questions regarding the snowmobile closure, please contact Chris Prew, Resource Assistant for the Glacier View Ranger District, at 387-3818.

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