ERRATA

Little Belt, Castle, and North Half of Crazy Mountains
Travel Management Plan
Final Environmental Impact Statement

Correction: Based on a ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (dated October 2011), the Lewis & Clark Forest was directed to implement the original travel plan decision signed by Forest Supervisor Lesley Thompson on October 1, 2007. Portions of that decision were never implemented due to legal challenges and an interim travel "Remedy". Additionally, several minor errors have been noted since the original decision was signed that need to be corrected and documented in an Errata.

Purpose of Correction: This Errata provides clarification for the Little Belt, Castle, and North Half of the Crazy Mountains portion of the Lewis & Clark National Forest for travel management. The corrections will not change the intent of the original decision.

Corrected Routes: The following table identifies routes (roads and trails) affected by this travel plan correction and provides supporting rationale.

Route #	Miles	Changes	Rationale
Trail # 716 Castle Mountains	1.5	This route extends from Grasshopper Campground to a private in-holding. The original decision identified this route as open seasonally to motorcycles. This route will now be open to highway vehicles yearlong.	This change ensures fairness. The route historically provided passenger vehicle access to the private landowner only.
Snowmobile Trails/Roads 119, 15800, 15832, 189, 2019, 2020, 204, 2049, 2056, 251, 253, 274, 3328, 3356, 3423, 47, 487, 586, 6394, 6398, 6399, 6400, 6407, 6408, 6412, 6413, 6414, 6419, 6426, 6462, 6464, 6489, 6492-A, 6494, 821, 829, 830, 831, 836, 837, 839, 840, 9185	213	The original decision identified a number of roads (which also serve as snowmobile trails) as open yearlong to wheeled motorized vehicles. These routes will now be closed to wheeled vehicles when they are actively managed as snowmobile trails.	Roads should not be open to wheeled vehicles when they are used for snowmobiling. Because snow conditions change each year, the roads will only be closed to wheeled vehicles when they are managed for snowmobiles.
Road # 2054 Deadman	0.25	This short road segment was originally closed seasonally to wheeled vehicles. The route will now be opened yearlong to wheeled motorized travel.	The short road closure prohibited wheeled motorized access to a popular but previously unknown dispersed campsite.

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Road # 6479 Coxcombe Butte	1.5	A short segment of this road was closed seasonally (with a gate) to wheeled motorized vehicles. The gate will be removed and the road opened yearlong to wheeled motorized travel.	Seasonal management of the gate was an administrative burden providing little public or resource benefit.
Road # 66 Crazy Mountains	Entire Segment Behind Gate	This road was closed to motorized travel seasonally (except motorcycles and ATVs) during spring break-up. The route will now be closed to passenger vehicles only when the gate is closed.	This change is made to implement an adaptive travel management strategy and thereby provide appropriate motorized access.
Road # 6470-A Mass-Geis Creek	1.7	This road is closed seasonally to wheeled motorized vehicles. The location of the closure gate will be moved to the junction with the private land access road.	This action is being initiated to ensure fairness to the public.
Trail # 477 Antelope Canyon	0.6	A segment of this trail does not exist but is identified on Forest maps. This route will be removed from Forest maps.	This was a mapping error that needs to be corrected.
Trail # 621 Mud Creek	0.1	A segment of this trail was originally identified on Forest maps as an ATV route. This segment is actually a motorcycle trail and will be designated as such.	This was a mapping error that needs to be corrected.
Road # 649 Daisy Notch	0.25	This short segment was designated as an ATV trail. However, it is appropriate for high clearance jeep type vehicles and will be designated for that use.	This was a mapping error that needs to be corrected.
Parallel Routes Road # 6407 Island Park	0.5	This road was originally identified as an open motorized route. Due to poor road conditions, it will be closed. A nearby road, which is currently closed to motorized travel, is a much better route and will be opened.	A lack of accurate field information resulted in the selection of the wrong route to keep open.
Trail # 744 Lone Grave	2.1	An existing snowmobile/ATV route that was not identified in the original decision. This popular route (off Hwy. 89) will be authorized for motorized use.	The Forest failed to recognize the use and importance of this route in the original decision. No wildlife concerns.
Road # 6568 Clyde Park	0.6	The road would remain open seasonally beyond the location previously identified on maps.	The original map was in error by not extending the road.
Road # 6508 S. Fork Judith	1.0	This route was originally identified as open seasonally to passenger vehicles. However, there was no intent to keep this route open.	Road conditions do not allow for motorized travel.

Route #	Miles	Changes	Rationale
Snowmobile Trail G Kings Hills ATV Trail # 754	1.1	A popular snowmobile/ATV route not identified in the original decision. This short trail segment will be authorized for motorized use.	The Forest failed to recognize the use and importance of this route in the original decision. There are no wildlife concerns.
Trail # J15981 Wounded Chicken	2.0	This jeep trail is currently closed to all vehicles. It will be open yearlong to all vehicles.	This jeep trail was originally closed due to flood damage and issues related to private in-holdings. Those issues have been resolved.
Road # 6590 Taylor Peak	0.26	This short spur road was identified as open to motorized vehicles. It will be closed through the Errata.	The road provides access to private land but no public recreation benefit.
Road # 3309-A Bear Gulch	1.2	This route was identified as open to motorized vehicles in the original decision to access dispersed campsites. It will now be closed to motorized travel yearlong.	On-site inspections of the area indicate the road does not access any dispersed campsites.

Off-route Parking: The 2007 Record of Decision for the Little Belt-Castle-Crazy Mountains Travel Plan provided the following direction regarding off-route parking. "Motorized wheeled vehicle travel off the travel-way of designated system roads and off the constructed tread of designated system trails for parking, passing, or turning around is allowed within the length of the vehicle and attached trailer (unless signed otherwise) as long as:

1) parking/passing/turning around is accomplished within a minimum distance,
2) parked vehicles and trailers do not impede traffic on the main traveled-way,
3) no new permanent routes are created by this activity,
4) existing vegetation is not killed or removed,
5) no damage to soil or water resources occurs,
6) travel off route does not cross streams, and
7) travel off route does not traverse riparian or wet areas.

Based on direction from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals the restriction for off-route parking has been slightly modified. The following restriction for off-route parking is implemented through the Errata. **"Motor vehicles may be parked up to 70 feet from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to National Forest System resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).**

Correction: Definitions for ATV, Motorcycle, Over-Snow Vehicle, and Snowmobile used in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) were not taken directly from the Forest Service Manual and are therefore difficult to enforce. The definitions of ATV, Motorcycle, Over-Snow Vehicle and Snowmobile are now being revised to match those provided in Forest Service Manual 2300 Chapter 2350 (Definitions 2305.05).

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV): A type of vehicle that travels on three or more low pressure tires; has handle-bar steering; is less than or equal to 50 inches in width; and has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.

Motorcycle: A two-wheeled motor vehicle on which the wheels are situated in a line, rather than side by side.

Over-Snow Vehicle: A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over the snow (36 CFR 212.1).

Snowmobile: An over-snow vehicle that operates on a track, uses one or more skis for steering, and has handle-bar steering and a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.

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