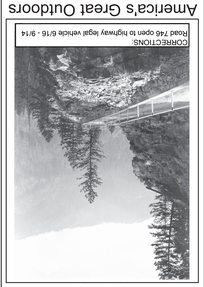
Motor Vehicle Use Map
Kootenai National Forest
Three Rivers Ranger District
North half



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OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

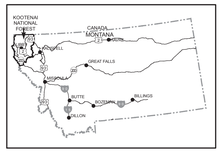
Much of the Kootenai National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Kootenai National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Kootenai National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

VICINITY MAP



PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Kootenai National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (CFR 261.13)

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to $5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)).This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Kootenai National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map are effective as of the date on the front cover and will remain in effect until superseded by the next year's motor vehicle use map. It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM.This map shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Kootenai National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 212.51. This map also contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas; the types of vehicles that are allowed on each route and in each area; and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

INFORMATION SOURCES

For various reasons access conditions may change during the year. To assure you have the most current information, please contact the Three Rivers Ranger District

Three Rivers Ranger District
Troy Ranger Station
12858 US Highway 2
Troy, Mt 59935
Phone: 406-295-4693

Other information source:

Forest Supervisor's Office
31374 US Highway 2
Libby Mt 59923-3022
Phone: 406-293-6211
www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai/

Cabinet Ranger District
Cabinet Ranger Station
2693 Highway 200
Trout Creek, Mt 59874
Phone: 406-827-3533

Fortine Ranger District
Murphy Lake Ranger Station
P.O. Box 116
12797 Highway 93 South
Fortine, Mt 59918
Phone: 406-882-4451

Libby Ranger District
Canoe Gulch Ranger Station
12557 Highway 37
Libby, Mt 59923
Phone: 406-293-7773

Rexford Ranger District
Eureka Ranger Station
949 Highway 93 North
Eureka, Mt 59917
Phone: 406-296-2536

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Legend

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Seasonal Designation (See Table)
- Dispersed Camping
- Highways, US, State
- Other Public Roads
- FS Campground
- Picnic Area
- Peaks
- District Offices
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Political Boundary
- Township and Range Lines
- Lakes and Rivers

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonally Designated Roads Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping:

This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route.

Other Public Roads

Highways, U.S., State

Other Public Roads

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

Blanket Statement For Travel Management

DISPERSED CAMPING

Motorized cross-country travel to a dispersed campsite is permissible on Kootenai National Forest System Lands within 300 on feet (either side) of designated motorized routes under the following conditions:

Campsite selection must be completed by non-motorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route without causing resource damage.

Cutting, clearing or damaging of trees or vegetation is not allowed in order to access dispersed camping.

Rutting, fording of streams, or crossing of wet soils/ meadows is not allowed.

Moving, going around, going over, or going past barriers (i.e., gates, rocks, berms, barriers, signs, ect.) is not allowed.

When posted in developed recreation sites, such as developed campgrounds, picnic sites, trailheads, boat launches, etc., motor vehicle use is allowed on designated roads and parking sites only. The 300 foot exception off these roads is prohibited to access dispersed campsites.

Motor vehicle designations include parking (up to 30 feet) along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes such as trailheads, boat landings, scenic overlooks, parking areas, camping spurs, and campsites when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System Resources.

A designation of a trail includes the width of the trail and, to promote public safety, the distance necessary to allow other users to pass where it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities.

CAMPGROUNDS

All roads within Caribou, Dorr Skeels, Kilbrennan, Pete Creek, Red Top, Spar Lake, Whitetail, Yaak Falls, and Yaak River campgrounds are open to highway legal vehicles 1/1 - 12/31.

North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)
Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 11

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It is your responsibility to know where you are and what federal and state regulations are in place for hunting and access. Stay on designated routes. Any violations on public lands should be reported.

Report a Violation

1- 800 -TIP - MONT

1 - 800 - 847 - 6668

Seasonally Designated Roads

Route Number	Legend	Dates Allowed
14704, 14704A, 398, 4041, 4628, 473, 4739, 8012, 8012A	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	05/01-11/30
2338	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	07/01-11/30
4602, 4610	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	07/01-10/14
471, 6885	Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	06/01-03/31