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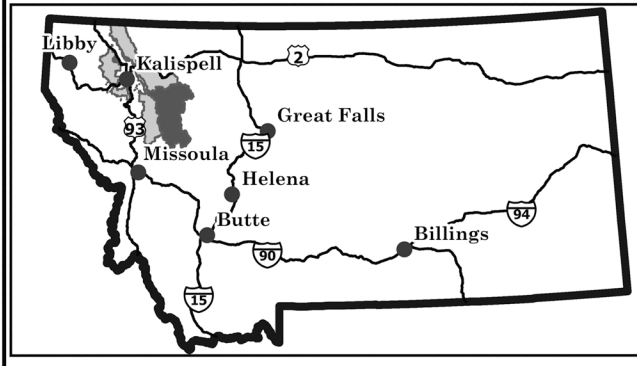
SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Use Map

Motor Vehicle

VICINITY MAP

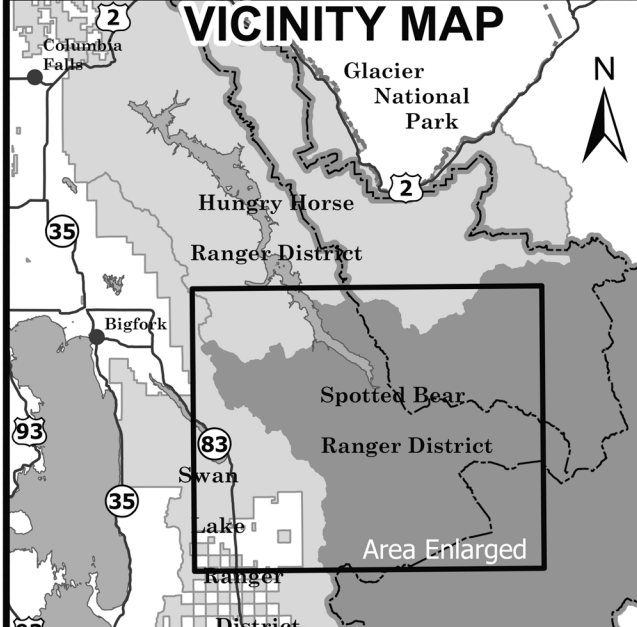


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VICINITY MAP



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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP



Acting Forest Supervisor, Flathead National

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Flathead National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes 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 roads 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 area on National Forest System lands.

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 Flathead National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Flathead 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 IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Flathead 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.



PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Flathead National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 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.

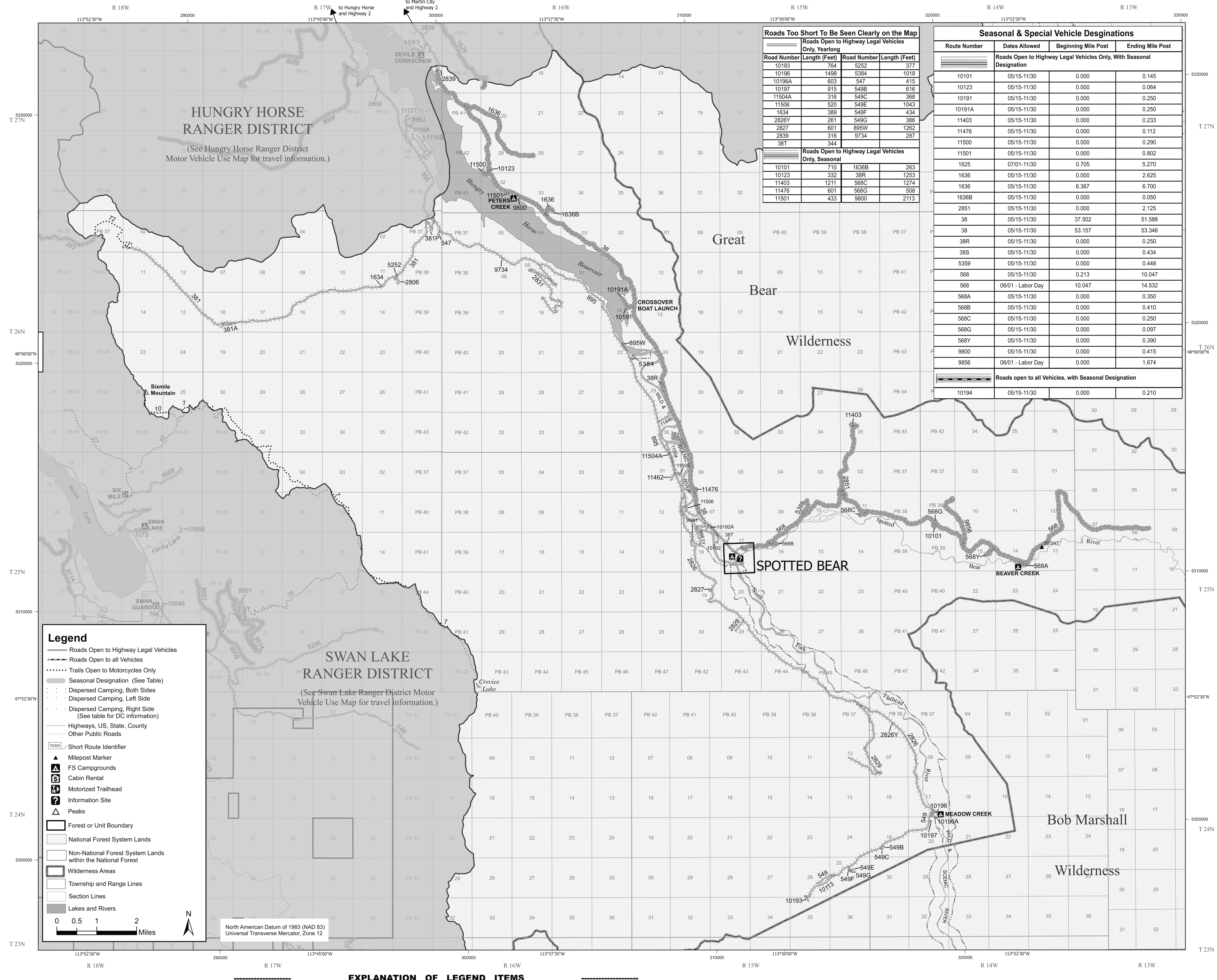
This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow vehicle uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Flathead National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

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 bases to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in that area. Such 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.



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MOTORIZED ACCESS TO DISPERSED CAMPING

Motorized access to a dispersed campsite is prohibited within the designated Wild and Scenic Corridors of the Middle and North Forks of the Flathead Rivers. (36 CFR 261.13)

Campsite selection must be completed by nonmotorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route (no more than 300 feet) without causing resource damage. (36 CFR 261.15)

Cutting, damaging, or harming (such as driving over) trees or vegetation is not allowed to access dispersed camping spots. (36 CFR 261.15)

Moving, going around, going over, or going past barriers on roads (i.e. gates, rock, berms, barriers, signs, etc.) is not allowed. (36 CFR 261.12)

In all developed recreation sites, such as developed campgrounds, picnic sites, trailheads, boat launches, etc., motor vehicle access is restricted to designated roads and parking sites only. Access off these roads is not allowed to access dispersed campsites. (36 CFR 261.16)

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.

Roads Open to All Vehicles:
These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:
These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

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 Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

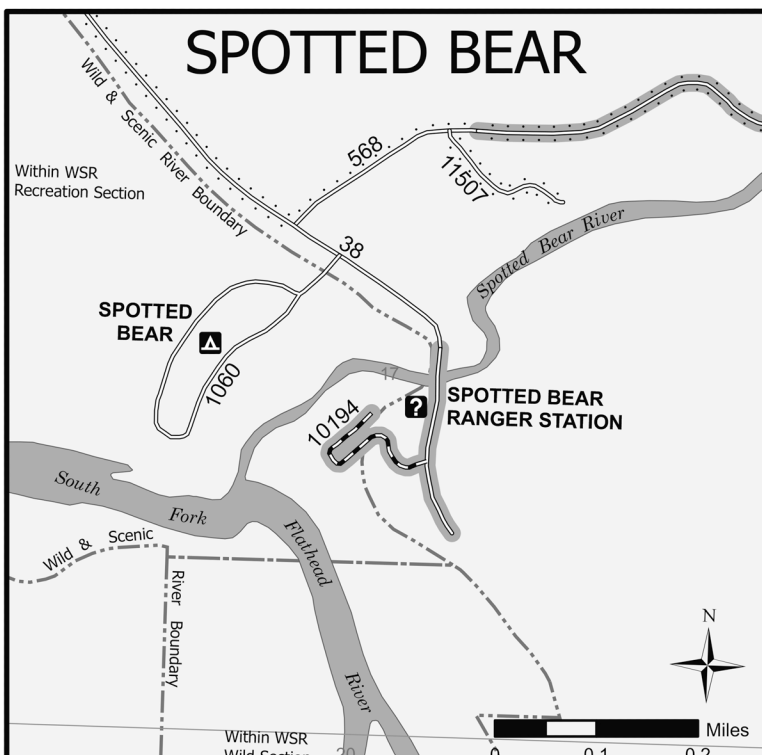
Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval:
Dispersed Camping, Both Sides
Dispersed Camping, Left Side
Dispersed Camping, Right Side

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. Refer to the Dispersed Camping Table for specifics.

Other Public Roads and Trails:
Highways, U.S., State, County
Other Public Roads

These symbols are used to show routes that the Forest Service does have not 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.

SPOTTED BEAR



E-Bikes
Forest Service manages e-bikes as a motor vehicle. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes are allowed on roads designated for all classes of motor vehicles and roads designated for motorized mixed use. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes are also allowed on trails open to all classes of motor vehicles, including motorcycles.

ROADS IN DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS
Meadow Creek
Peters Creek
Spotted Bear
All Roads within the Campground are Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, When the Campground is Open.

DISPERSED CAMPING
Route Number
Distance/Side of Road
Vehicle Type
Dates Allowed
All routes where Dispersed Camping is allowed.
300' either side of road.
Same as permitted on road.
Same as permitted on road.