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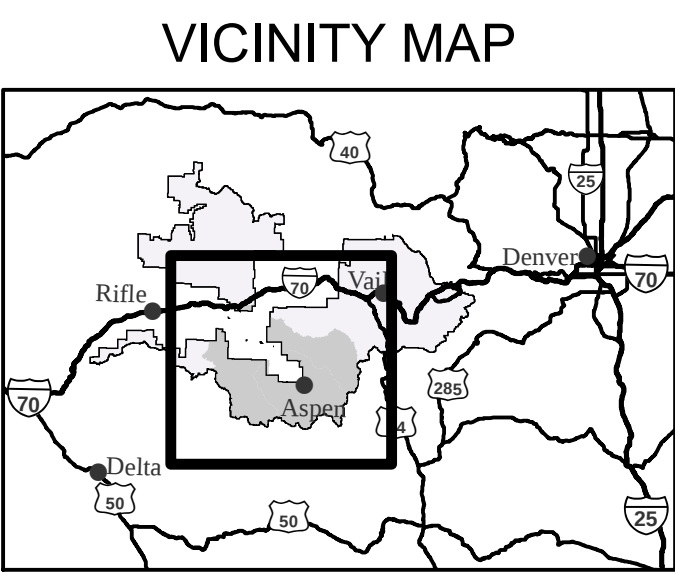
Effective Dates: Nov 23 - May 20

Aspen and Sopris
Ranger Districts



Winter
Motor Vehicle
Use Map

White River
National Forest



INFORMATION SOURCES

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White River National Forest
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In case of emergency, Dial 911



RIDE RESPONSIBLY

Responsible use is key to the success of travel management and a sustainable recreation industry.

- It's your responsibility to know where Prohibited Areas are, including Wilderness.
- Travel only in open areas or on routes as identified on the motor vehicle use map.
- Be respectful of other forest users and private property owners.
- Avoid routes with inadequate snow cover
- Respect wildlife's wintering habitat
- Plan your visit and be safe
- Help maintain the integrity and investment of groomed routes.

WINTER SAFETY

Planning your visit in advance will help ensure you have a great time.

- Let someone know before you go. Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you expect to return. Cell phones rarely work within the forest.
- Check the forecast before arriving and bring equipment for changing conditions (e.g., waterproof gear, extra layers).
- Check avalanche conditions before arriving and avoid riding in potential avalanche areas. For current conditions, visit <http://avalanche.state.co.us/index.php>.
- Carry avalanche protection (e.g., emergency beacon, shovel).
- Be safe. Don't ride alone.

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Legend

- Plowed Route Within WRNF Boundary:
Route maintained for winter wheeled motor vehicle access
- Route shown in Open Motorized area for informational purposes only
- Designated Routes in Restricted Areas:
Routes open to over-snow motorized vehicles where over-snow travel is restricted to designated routes (100 feet either side)
- Fluctuating Snowline Route
Route with fluctuating closure points depending on snowline
- Motorized Prohibited Areas:
Area where no motorized over-snow use is permitted
- Restricted Areas:
Areas currently closed to motorized over-snow travel except on designated routes shown on map.
- Open Motorized Areas:
Areas where motorized over-snow use is permitted without restriction.
- Interstate
- Highways, US, State
- Other Public Roads
- Hut
- Information
- Winter Trailhead
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Wilderness Boundary
- District Boundary
- Township and Range Lines
- Lakes and Rivers
- 200 ft contour line
- 0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

This winter Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) identifies those routes and areas designated for winter over-snow motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212 Subpart C for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13 and 36 CFR 261.14.

The winter season is considered the snow season. Winter Season over-snow motorized travel restrictions begin Nov. 23 and ends May 20 (Val Pass Recreation Area Nov. 15th - May 20th). Over-snow vehicles are defined as: "a motor vehicle that is designed for use over the snow and runs on tracks and/or ski or skis while in use over snow." (36 CFR 212.1).

Plowed access routes to winter trailheads are plowed by multiple partners and/or counties. This MVUM shows plowed routes only within forest boundaries. Other than over-snow vehicles, only highway legal vehicles (licensed full size vehicles) may travel on plowed routes. Due to fluctuating snow conditions some routes (as identified in legend), have closure points that move with the snow. Follow travel restrictions posted on the ground on these routes.

A route may also be open to summer modes of travel during the winter season per special order. Contact local ranger district for more information.

Designation of a route or area for winter over-snow motor vehicle use shown on this map should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the route or area is marked and/or passable, actively groomed, or safe for travel.

Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes or areas impassable for extended periods. Users are responsible for their own safety, which includes avalanche awareness. Designated open areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. These designations apply only to National Forest System routes and lands.

PROHIBITIONS

Possession or operation of an over-snow vehicle on National Forest System lands in violation of restriction or prohibition established pursuant to 36 CFR 212, subpart C (36 CFR 261.14) is prohibited.

Violations of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to 6 months or both (U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the absence or presence of signs.

Routes and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures and visitors must comply with signs notifying them of such restrictions. A National Forest may issue an order to close a route 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 temporary, emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52(b)), 36 CFR 261, subpart B).

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands carries a great responsibility. 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. 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.

Over-snow vehicle use involves inherent risks that may result in 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 travel conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for damages incurred, and risks and dangers experienced. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility. Much of the White River National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the White River National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other supplies and equipment appropriate for seasonal conditions.

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

Please read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the White River National Forest for clarification.

