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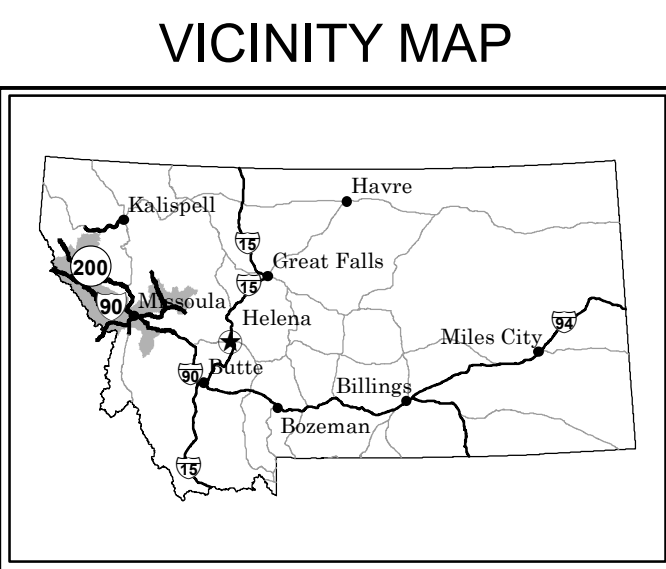
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Superior Ranger Districts and Plains/Thompson Falls and Lolo National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map



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Travel and recreate with minimum impact.

Respect the environment and the rights of others.

Educate yourself plan and prepare before you go.

Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

This map shows the prohibitions and open areas for use of over-snow vehicles (snowmobiles only) on the Lolo National Forest. A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehiclecapable of use over snow or ice, which is driven by a combination of cleats, belts, tracks, and skis. The map also provides information relative to snowmobile trail locations and articulates certain prohibited activities on those routes. For detailed information about summer motorized routes see the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

The display of winter trail information on this map, or areas where snowmobiles are not restricted should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the area, trail or route is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render some routes impassable for extended periods. Areas that do not prohibit cross country snowmobile travel may contain dangerous or impassible terrain. Dangerous winter driving conditions will prevail on all routes and these routes may be impassible. Snowmobile trails that are designated as "marked or groomed" also have many inherent dangers, and won't always be passable or discernible.

This over-snow vehicle use and winter trail map identifies those roads and trails managed and allowed for winter recreation under the Lolo Travel Plan decision for the purpose of enforcing the prohibitions at 36 CFR 261.14. This is a limited purpose. The public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only.

These designations and restrictions apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System Trails, and areas on National Forest Lands.

Legend

- Cities
- Winter Parking Areas
- Ranger Station
- Interstate
- State Highway
- US Highway
- Public Road
- 200' Contour Interval
- Snowmobile Trail (Allowed 12/1 to 3/31)
- Snowmobile Allowed Route in Closure Area
- Snowmobile Prohibited Route in Open Area
- Other Route (Snowmobile Use Allowed 12/1 to 3/15)
- Ranger District Boundary
- Township Range
- Sections
- Wilderness - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Yearlong
- Closure Area - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Yearlong
- Non-NFS
- National Forest System Lands Open to Snowmobiles
- water

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PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Plains/Thompson Falls and Superior Ranger Districts other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

Violations of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not to 18 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

Roads, trails, 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 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 the area. Such temporary and/or 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 or snowmobile on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, or in open areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must the motor vehicle operators know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but they 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. Operators of motor vehicles are subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially snowmobile use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Riders should drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote riding/driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Motor vehicle and snowmobile operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Much of the PLAINS/THOMPSON FALLS and SUPERIOR RANGER DISTRICTS are remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the LOLO NATIONAL FOREST. Recreationists should 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 NON-RESTRICTED AREAS FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAVEL!

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions please contact the PLAINS/THOMPSON FALLS OR SUPERIOR RANGER DISTRICTS for clarification.

Road, trail, and area users must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user.

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