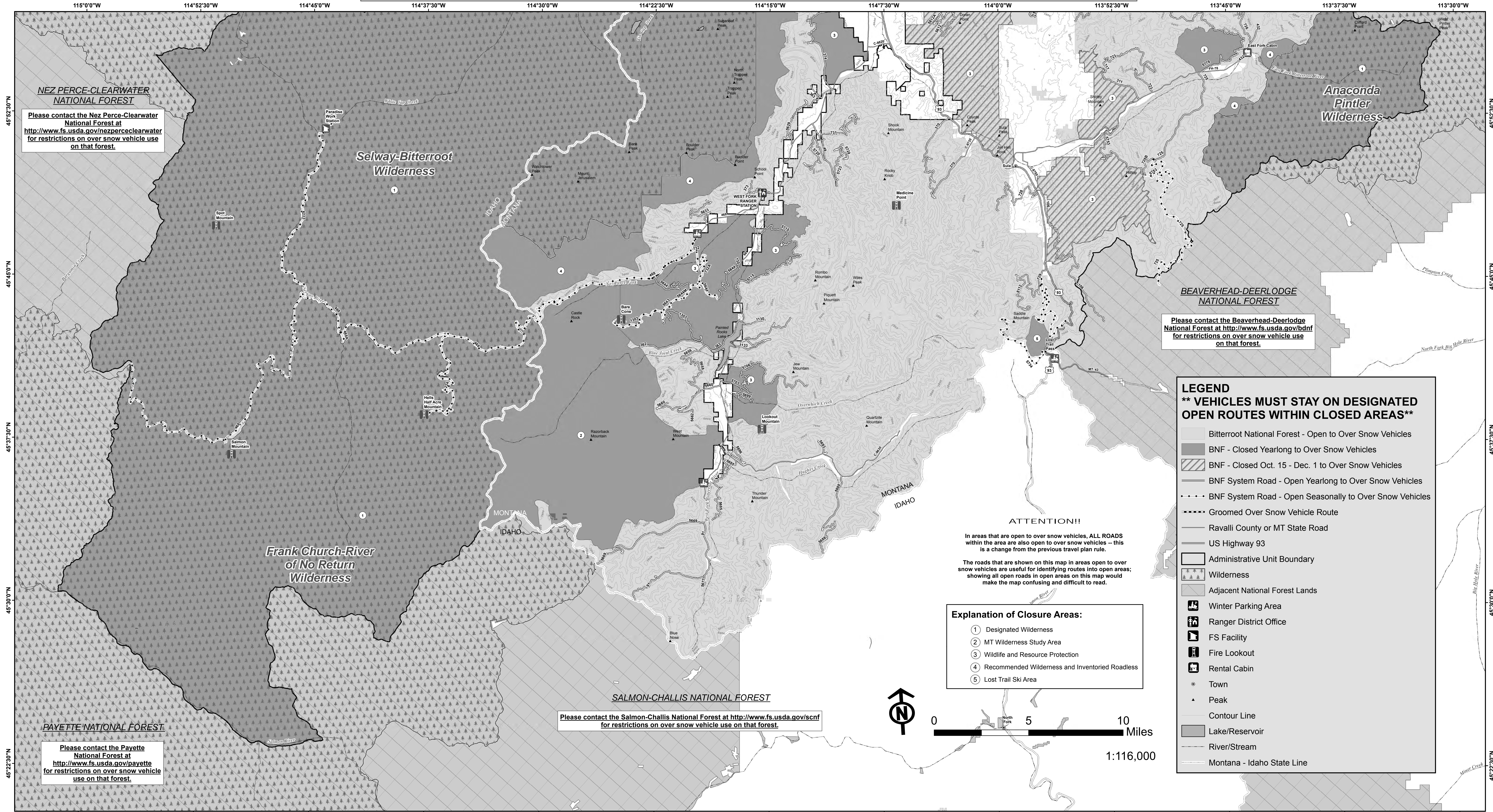


# BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST (BNF) - OVER SNOW VEHICLE MAP SOUTH HALF



## BNF ROADS OPEN SEASONALLY TO OVER SNOW VEHICLES

ROUTE NO.	NAME/LOCATION	Open Season
732	ONE CREEK-TWO CREEK	After Dec. 1
1303	BARE CONE	After Dec. 1
5643	TOOK SADDLE-BARE CONE	After Dec. 1
5644	TOUGH-BONNIE BLUE	After Dec. 1
5644M	BARE CONE CUTOFF	After Dec. 1
732A	UPPER TWO CREEK	After Dec. 1
550	LAKE COMO	Before Nov. 30
224	HELL'S HALF ACRE	After Dec. 1
468	NEZ PERCE TRAIL	After Dec. 1
6223	SELWAY RIVER	After Dec. 1
725	MEADOW CREEK	After Dec. 1
5753	MINK CREEK	After Dec. 1
8111	FOX CREEK	After Dec. 1
729	WEST FORK CAMP CREEK	Before Nov. 30
5734	SADDLE MOUNTAIN	Before Nov. 30



## MONTANA SNOWMOBILE PERMITS

### Snowmobile Permits

Snowmobilers operating on public land must be registered and display decals placed in a conspicuous space on the left side of the cowling. Registration is different for Montana residents and nonresidents. See details below.

**Residents:**  
Registration  
Montana residents must register their snowmobiles at the County Treasurer's office in the county where the owner resides. This is a one-time registration and valid until the current owner sells the snowmobile.

**NEW beginning October 1, 2015 - Resident Trail Pass:**  
Residents must also purchase a Trail Pass starting October 1, 2015 to ride on any of the 4000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Trail Passes are valid for three seasons and are \$18. Trail Passes apply to all "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes.

**Nonresidents**  
Nonresidents who plan to ride their snowmobiles and motorized snow bikes in Montana must purchase a Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit for \$25 per machine.

**Where to Purchase a Permit or Trail Pass**

- Apply Online - You may apply for your Resident Trail Pass or Nonresident Snowmobile Permit through the Online Licensing System.
- Vendor List ( 37 KB) - You can also purchase a Nonresident Temporary Use Permit or a Resident Trail Pass at any of the vendors in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Wyoming.

Source: <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/outdoorRec/snowmobile.html>  
MT FWP Website on "Snowmobile Education"

## 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 these under your responsibility.

Much of the Bitterroot National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Bitterroot 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 Bitterroot 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.

## TRAIL ETIQUETTE

**RIDE ONLY WHERE PERMITTED.**

**BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS ON THE TRAIL.**

**RIDE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE TRAIL.**

**SLOW DOWN WHEN SOMEONE IS PASSING YOU.**

**YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SKIERS, HORSES, AND HIKERS.**

**LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM.**

**REPORT DOWNED TREES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEEDS TO LAND MANAGERS.**

**REPORT ILLEGAL RIDING.**

**CARRY OUT WHAT YOU CARRY IN.**

## AVAILANCHE AWARENESS

Before you go out, contact [www.ascc.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascc.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html) to obtain updated avalanche information and advisories.

Look for evidence of recent avalanches, shooting, cracks in the snow or snow collapsing with a "whump" sound. These signs usually mean the snow is unstable. The avalanche danger is likely increasing if it is snowing, blowing or raining.

Recognize Avalanche Terrain:

1. Avalanches start on slopes steeper than about 30 degrees, but can be triggered from below on flatter terrain in unstable conditions.
2. Slopes with wind-deposited snow are often unstable. Cornices indicate a wind-loaded slope.
3. A slope that is recently avalanched indicates unstable conditions on other slopes of a similar angle, aspect and elevation.

### SAFETY TIPS:

1. If you ride on or beneath potential avalanche slopes, travel one at a time, even when highmarking.
2. Don't stop in areas exposed to avalanches.
3. If caught, try to ride out of the slide, but if that fails, make swimming motions while trying to stay on the surface.
4. Have all members of your group carry avalanche beacons, shovels and probes and be sure everyone knows how to use them.

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- Ride only on designated routes.
- Travel and recreate with minimum impact.
- Respect the environment and the rights of others.
- Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it.
- Respected access to open access.

For more information on Tread Lightly!, go to <http://www.treadlightly.org>

