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INTERAGENCY TRAVEL PLAN AND VISITORS MAP SOUTHWEST MONTANA

Effective September 1, 1984 to June 1, 1987 or until otherwise extended or rescinded.

Welcome to the public lands of southwestern Montana, yours to enjoy and use for a variety of purposes. The Beaverhead National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks have established motor vehicle travel controls in areas for southwestern Montana. This map is intended to mark these areas and to help motor vehicle users enjoy public lands safely, without damaging natural resources and without conflicting with other users. Please study the map and the travel restrictions for each area. Your understanding and observance of these travel restrictions will minimize the need for enforcement action.

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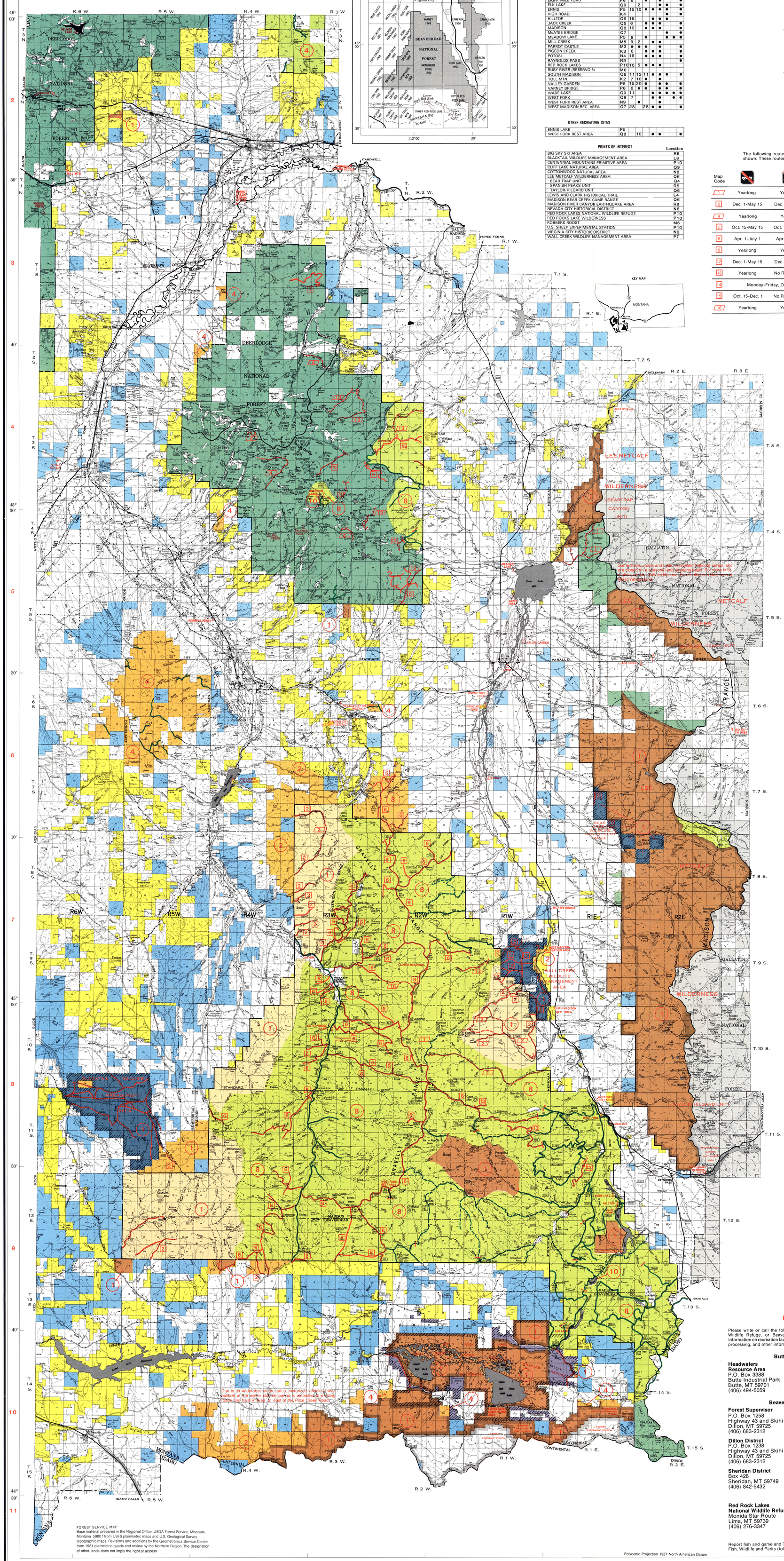


COOPERATING AGENCY RECREATION SITES	Location	Camping Units	Picnic Units	Trailer Space	Drinking Water	Toilets	Boat Launch	Swimming	Fishing Access
BALANCED ROCK	M5	2				●			●
BEARTRAP	Q4	6	12	6	●	●			●
BRANHAM LAKES	N4	6		●		●			●
BURNT TREE HOLE	P6	5		●		●		●	●
CANYON	M7	2	2			●			●
CARDWELL	N2	●	●	●		●	●		●
CLIFF POINT	Q9	6				●	●	●	●
CLOVER MEADOWS	N7		1		●	●			
COTTONWOOD CAMP	N8	2				●			●
DELMOE LAKE	K2		20		●	●	●	●	●
EIGHT MILE FORD	P6	6		●		●			●
ELK LAKE	Q9		2			●	●		●
ENNIS	P5	15	10	●	●	●	●		●
HIGH ROAD	K4								●
HILLTOP	Q9	18			●	●	●		
JACK CREEK	Q5	6		●	●	●			●
MADISON	Q8	10		●	●	●			●
McATEE BRIDGE	Q7						●		●
MEADOW LAKE	P5	5		●			●	●	●
MILL CREEK	M5	9	2		●	●			
PARROT CASTLE	M3	●	●	●		●			●
PIGEON CREEK	K3	6		●	●	●			●
POTOSI	N4	15		●	●	●			●
RAYNOLDS PASS	R9								
RED ROCK LAKES	P10	10	5	●	●	●			
RUBY RIVER (RESERVOIR)	M6								
SOUTH MADISON	Q8	11	12	11	●	●	●		●
TOLL MTN.	K2	7	10	●		●			
VALLEY GARDEN	P5	15	20	●		●	●		●
VARNEY BRIDGE	P6	6	●	●		●	●		●
WADE LAKE	Q9	11			●	●	●	●	●
WEST FORK	Q8	7			●	●		●	●
WEST FORK REST AREA	N9		●			●			
WEST MADISON REC. AREA	Q7	28		28	●	●			●

OTHER RECREATION SITES	
ENNIS LAKE	P5
WEST FORK REST AREA	Q8

POINTS OF INTEREST	Location
BIG SKY SKI AREA	R6
BLACKTAIL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	L8
CENTENNIAL MOUNTAINS PRIMITIVE AREA	P10
CLIFF LAKE NATURAL AREA	Q9
COTTONWOOD NATURAL AREA	N8
LEE METCALF WILDERNESS AREA	Q6
BEAR TRAP UNIT	Q4
SPANISH PEAKS UNIT	R5
TAYLOR-HILGARD UNIT	Q6
LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORICAL TRAIL	L4
MADISON BEAR CREEK GAME RANGE	Q6
MADISON RIVER CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA	R8
NEVADA CITY HISTORICAL DISTRICT	N6
RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	P10
RED ROCKS LAKE WILDERNESS	P10
ROBBERS ROOST	M5
U.S. SHEEP EXPERIMENTAL STATION	P10
VIRGINIA CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT	N6
WALL CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	P7

DESIGNATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

The following routes are closed to vehicle travel during the time periods shown. These routes are shown on the map in solid or dashed red lines.

Map Code				Purpose of Restrictions
1	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	Erosion Control & Safety
2	Dec. 1-May 15	Dec. 1-May 15	Dec. 1-May 15	Winter Game Range & Conflict of Use
4	Yearlong	Yearlong	No Restrictions	Erosion Control
5	Oct. 15-May 15	Oct. 15-May 15	Oct. 15-May 15	Elk Security, & Conflict of Use & Winter Game Range
6	Apr. 1-July 1	Apr. 1-July 1	No Restrictions	Erosion Control
8	Yearlong	Yearlong	May 15-Dec. 1	Elk Security, Erosion Control, & Conflict of Use
12	Dec. 1-May 15	Dec. 1-May 15	No Restrictions	Erosion Control & Conflict of Use
13	Yearlong	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Erosion Control & Conflict of Use
14	Monday-Friday, October 15-November 30			Conflict of Use (Log Trucks)
15	Oct. 15-Dec. 1	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Erosion Control and Elk Security
16	Yearlong	Yearlong	May 15-Oct. 15	Erosion Control

AREA RESTRICTIONS

Routes within Restricted Areas that are open for travel are shown in green or red on the map. Vehicles may not travel off green routes during the time periods shown below. Designated routes shown in red are restricted during the dates shown in the Route Restrictions Table:

Map Code				Purpose of Restrictions
1	Yearlong	Yearlong	Yearlong	Wilderness or Natural Area, Elk Security, Winter Game Range, Elk Calving, Erosion Control, or Swan Nesting
2	Dec. 1-May 15	Dec. 1-May 15	Dec. 1-May 15	Conflict of Use Winter Game Range
4	Yearlong	Yearlong	No Restrictions	Erosion Control
7	Oct. 15-Nov. 30	Oct. 15-Nov. 30	Oct. 15-Nov. 30	Elk Security
8	Yearlong	Yearlong	May 15-Dec. 1	Erosion Control, Fall Elk Security & Summer Elk Range
9	Oct. 15-Dec. 1	Oct. 15-Dec. 1	Oct. 15-Dec. 1	Elk Security
10	Lake closed to all gasoline motors			Conflict of Use & Acquatic habitat

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

The above restrictions are invoked on National Forest lands pursuant to authority in 36 CFR 261.50, on Bureau of Land Management lands pursuant to authority in 43 CFR 8342.1, and on National Wildlife Refuge lands pursuant to 50 CFR 26.21(a). Copies of the orders are available at the District Ranger and Supervisor offices of the Beaverhead National Forest, the Dillon Resource Area and Headquarters Resource Area office of the Bureau of Land Management, and Red Rocks Lakes Refuge in Lakeview.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

To use this map, refer to the coding shown in the **Travel Plan Legend** and the **Designations and Restrictions.**

The **Travel Plan Legend** indicates by color those areas which are designated open, limited or closed to motorized travel. The **Designations and Restrictions** indicates by symbol the type of restriction and season.

The **Travel Plan Legend** also indicates which routes are restricted. Roads which are open yearlong in areas otherwise closed are shown by ———— Trails which are open yearlong in areas otherwise closed are shown by - - - - - - - . Designated trails are open to vehicles under 40 inches in total width only. Roads which are closed seasonally or yearlong are shown by ———— Trails closed seasonally or yearlong - - - - - -

The following terms are used in this map.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE — Any motorized vehicle capable of, or designed for, travel on or immediately over land, water, or other natural terrain. Includes, but is not limited to, such vehicles as trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, snowmobiles, amphibians, motorboats, and air cushion vehicles.

SNOWMOBILE — A self-propelled vehicle intended for travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 1,000 pounds, driven by a track or tracks in contact with the snow, and steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow.

TRAIL VEHICLE — A motor vehicle less than 40 inches in width such as a trail bike, scooter, motorcycle, designed for trail use.

DESIGNATED ROUTE — A road or trail which is open either yearlong or seasonally in an area otherwise restricted or closed.

OPEN AREA, ROAD AND TRAIL — Area, road, or trail where off-road vehicles may be operated subject to agency operating regulations and vehicle standards.

RESTRICTED AREA, ROAD AND TRAIL — Area, road, or trail where the use of off-road vehicles is subject to restrictions deemed appropriate by the managing agency.

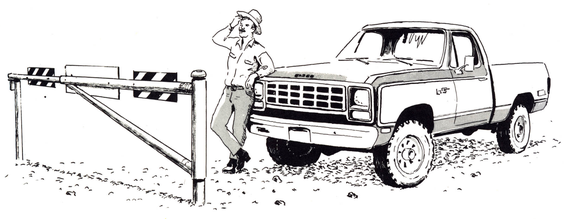
CLOSED AREA, ROAD, AND TRAIL — Area, road, or trail where the use of off-road vehicles is permanently or temporarily prohibited.

TRAVEL PLAN LEGEND

Types of vehicles and time periods of restrictions are listed in the DESIGNATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- **National Forest, National Wildlife Refuge, or Bureau of Land Management lands closed to all motorized vehicles yearlong.**
- **National Forest land with greater travel restrictions.**
- **National Forest land with less travel restrictions.**
- **National Forest land open to all motorized vehicles.**
- **National Wildlife Refuge land with travel restrictions.**
- **Bureau of Land Management land with travel restrictions.**
- **Bureau of Land Management land open to all motorized vehicles.**
- **State game ranges with travel restrictions.**
- **State land not covered by this plan.**
- **National Forest land not covered by this plan.**
- **Private, and other lands not covered by this plan.** This plan applies only to National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State game ranges, and Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

- **Designated road open yearlong.** Road open yearlong to all motorized vehicles in an area that is otherwise restricted.
- **Designated trail open yearlong.** Trail open yearlong to vehicles under 40 inches in total width in an area that is otherwise restricted.
- **Designated road with restrictions.** Road closed seasonally or yearlong. May also be a designated road closed seasonally in an area otherwise closed or restricted.
- **Designated trail with restrictions.** Trail closed seasonally or yearlong.
- **Restriction Boundary**
- **Restriction reference number**
- **Area restriction reference.**
- **Road restriction reference.**
- **Trail restriction reference.**
- **Barrier or locked gate.**



WHY IS THIS ROAD CLOSED?

There are a number of reasons some modes of travel are restricted on public lands. These are not always well-understood, particularly if encountered unexpectedly. Here are the reasons for them.

Wildlife Habitat Protection — Many closures are put into effect to protect critical areas where big game animals live. These areas are sensitive and often include winter ranges, calving grounds, or security areas. Many areas are closed only seasonally and often open to vehicle use during other times of the year when big game are less likely to be disturbed. On lakes, wake action and noise from motorboats may be detrimental to aquatic life and shoal areas. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is a cooperator in this effort.

Water Quality and Erosion Control — Some roads and trails are closed during wet weather to prevent rutting and other roadbed damage. This reduces erosion and the amount of sediment transported to streams. Sediment is a serious threat to trout spawning and rearing grounds. Also road maintenance costs are substantially reduced when roads and trails are closed during wet conditions.

Public Safety — In some specific instances, certain types of travel are prohibited to insure user safety. Even so, caution should be used on every route because many receive heavy traffic, others are located on steep hillsides or are slippery when wet, and some have logging truck and other heavy equipment use.

Conflict of Use — In a few cases, it has become necessary to give preference to one use over another to resolve problems that exist between competing user groups, insuring, of course, that adequate opportunity exists elsewhere for the use prohibited. This is common between non-motorized and motorized forms of recreation use where, for example, a popular hiking or horseback trail might also be frequented by motorbike riders, or motorboats on small lakes may disturb campers.

Legal Mandates — Some areas such as wildernesses are afforded special protection by Federal law. For example, it is unlawful to have possession of and operate any motorized equipment within a classified wilderness area (36 CFR 261.16, 293.17, and 261.19 USC 551).

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

TEMPORARY CLOSURES

Additional temporary controls may be established when use would damage resources or be hazardous. Public notice of temporary restrictions will be available at Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices having jurisdiction of the areas or routes. These area/routes will be posted on the ground and/or gated when restrictions are in effect.

TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS

Where off-route travel is prohibited, direct access to temporary campsites within 300 feet of designated routes is permitted. Please select your routes carefully, trying to avoid damage to the land and streams. Do not cut live timber.

Temporary exceptions are authorized to the travel plan closures for a Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty and any vehicle use which is expressly authorized by the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management under a permit, license, or contract.

GAME RETRIEVAL

•Persons may not travel in violation of designated travel restrictions on Beaverhead National Forest or Bureau of Land Management lands to retrieve downed game. Contact the appropriate Forest Service office for restrictions on adjacent National Forest lands not covered by this plan. Consult the Montana big game hunting regulations for game retrieval provisions on state and private land.

APPLICABLE PENALTIES

These rules and restrictions are established under Federal and State laws and regulations. Violators are subject to fine or imprisonment or both. Your cooperation is solicited.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Off-road vehicle travel is one of the many uses of public lands and can, when improperly done, damage the resources of these lands. The following are prohibited on National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and National Wildlife Refuge lands enforced under Titles 36, 43, and 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

(a) Operating any vehicle, including any off-road vehicle:
- (1) without a valid State operator's license where required by law;
- (2) without an operable braking system, or a properly installed and working exhaust system;
- (3) from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless equipped with working head and tail lights;
- (4) in violation of any applicable noise emission standard established by any Federal or State agency;

(b) Driving any vehicle, including "off-road" vehicle
- (1) in excess of posted speeds;
- (2) while under the influence of alcohol or other drug;
- (3) in a manner that creates excessive or unusual noise or smoke;
- (4) carelessly and without regard for the safety of others;
- (5) in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property;
- (6) in a manner creating excessive damage or disturbance of the land, wildlife, vegetative, or cultural resource.

(c) Operating or parking any vehicle in developed recreation sites:
- (1) in places not developed for this purpose;
- (2) for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site;
- (3) on a trail unless designated for this use;
- (4) in a manner which creates excessive or unusual noise, or annoying smoke or dust.

DURING FOREST FIRE SEASON

Montana fire season is from May 1 to September 30 and applies to both state owned and Federal lands.

Persons are required to have a shovel and bucket when lighting camping or warming fires in areas other than designated improved campgrounds.

Motorcycles and pack-trains must carry a shovel and bucket unless travelling on federal or state highways or paved public roads.

A person operating a power saw must have an eight-ounce liquid-chemical or one-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher and a shovel in his immediate possession. The saw must also have a screen type spark arrester installed.

All vehicles must be equipped with baffle-type mufflers and tail pipes or serviceable Forest Service approved spark arresters.

SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles should not be operated on plowed roads; if necessary to cross a plowed road, do so directly at a place with good sight distance.

Please avoid driving on or across a set cross-country ski track.

INFORMATION

Please write or call the following Bureau of Land Management, National Wildlife Refuge, or Beaverhead National Forest offices for additional information on recreation facilities, fuelwood gathering permits, mining claims processing, and other information concerning the use of public lands.

Butte District Office, BLM

Headwaters Resource Area
P.O. Box 3388
Butte Industrial Park
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-5059

Dillon Resource Area,
P.O. Box 1048
Ibey Building
Dillon, MT 59725
(406) 683-2337

Beaverhead National Forest

Forest Supervisor
P.O. Box 1258
Highway 43 and Skihi St.
Dillon, MT 59725
(406) 683-2312

Dillon District
P.O. Box 1238
Highway 43 and Skihi St.
Dillon, MT 59725
(406) 683-2312

Sheridan District
Box 428
Sheridan, MT 59749
(406) 842-5432

Wise River District
Box 86
Wise River, MT 59762
(406) 839-2201

Madison District
Box 336
Ennis, MT 59729
(406) 682-4253

Wisdom District
Box 236
Wisdom, MT 59761
(406) 689-3243

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Monida Star Route
Lima, MT 59739
(406) 276-3347

Mt. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
Region 3 Headquarters
8695 Huffine Lane
Bozeman, Mt. 59715
(406) 586-5419

Report fish and game and Travel Plan violations to Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (toll-free) 1-800-332-6117.

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FOREST SERVICE
BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
Supervisors Office
Dillon, Montana

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
BUTTE DISTRICT
Headwaters Resource Area, Butte, Montana
Dillon Resource Area, Dillon, Montana

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
Region Three Area Office
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