



Flathead National Forest

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Cooperation Needed from Round Meadows Trail Users

Flathead National Forest is asking cross-country skiers and other visitors using the Round Meadows trail system on the Tally Lake District, located off the Star Meadow Road, west of Whitefish, to pick up after their dogs. The ranger district has received complaints about dogs bothering people in the trailhead parking area and the unhealthy amount of dog droppings left in the parking lot and on the trails. The Round Meadows area is a popular year-round destination for area skiers, hikers, mountain bike and horseback users as one of the few areas dogs are allowed unleashed on the trail system.

“We provide a great trail system that gives forest visitors the freedom to bring along their dogs. We ask that everyone using the trail system, take the responsibility to pick up after their dog,” said Recreation Forester Becky Smith-Powell.

Powell encourages dog owners to keep their dogs leashed and under control while in the trailhead parking lot and remove dog droppings from the trail and out of sight. The ranger district is providing shovels, painted bright orange, located in the parking lot and near the beginning of the trail for dog owners to use for removing dog droppings. The ranger district appreciates the cooperation of visitors to keep the Round Meadows trail system cleaned up.

For more information about the Round Meadows Trails and current trail conditions, contact the Tally Lake District, 406/758-5204.

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