

2008 FLATHEAD WILD AND SCENIC RIVER REGULATION INFORMATION



The following information will be useful for understanding the new river regulations on the North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork of the Flathead River. Please refer to the new Three Forks of the Flathead River Floating Guide and the regulation table for specifics on requirements/recommendations for each fork, due out summer of 2008. The Forest Service River Managers, Colter Pence, Paula Peterson, and Hans Castren, are available to answer further questions.

- **Solid Human Waste Containment:**

- Overnight campers in the Wild and Scenic river corridor at sites without Forest Service toilets must contain all solid human bodily waste using a washable, leak-proof, reusable toilet system OR a disposable biodegradable bag toilet system that is approved for landfill disposal. Wag Bags™ or Restop™ for example are baggies that contain a biodegradable powder which treats the human waste. They must be contained within a leak or spill-proof container until they are disposed of properly. Either system allows for the carry-out and disposal of solid human body waste in a responsible and lawful manner. The system must be adequate for the size of the group and length of trip.
- Leaving exposed solid human waste on National Forest System lands, or emptying toilet systems into a vault toilet is prohibited. A five gallon bucket with or without a trash bag liner is not acceptable because it is not washable, leak proof, nor is it approved for landfill disposal because it contains biohazards and is not biodegradable.
- Local Flathead Valley sporting goods stores that stock washable, reusable toilet systems include Army-Navy, Snappy's Sports Senter, and Sportsman and Ski Haus. Many major web based vendors also offer these products. In addition, approved portable toilet systems are available for rent locally including the dumping fee.
- RV dump stations will often accept human waste from washable, leak-proof, reusable toilet systems, however it is important to call ahead and confirm that they will accept. There are several dump stations located throughout the valley.

- **Fire Pan or Blanket:**

- Depending on the section of river, campfires must be contained in a metal fire pan or on a fire blanket that protects the ground from scarring and ash; cold ash may be scattered on-site within the river corridor.
- Many major web based vendors offer these products.

- **Contact Information**

- **Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger Districts** – Colter Pence (387-3849) or Paula Peterson (387-3818)
- **Spotted Bear Ranger District** – Hans Castren (758-6459 summer or 387-3859 winter)

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Washable, leak-proof, reusable toilet system



Raised Fire Pan



Portable Toilet with Biodegradable bags