

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

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FOOD/ATTRACTANT STORAGE ORDER Seeley Lake Ranger District

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect in those areas of the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). These restrictions are in addition to those currently covering the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE) which are enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations. This order becomes effective when signed, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

The purpose of these restrictions is to minimize grizzly/black bear conflicts with humans and, thereby, provide for visitor safety and promote recovery of the grizzly bear within and adjacent to the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE).

The NCDE consists of National Forest System lands included within the boundaries of the Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Lolo and Helena National Forests and is further defined on the attached map (Exhibit A). Also attached and hereby made part of this order is Food Storage Special Order Information and Definitions, (Exhibit B).

Description of Area:

This order applies to ALL Lolo National Forest lands within the Seeley Lake Ranger District (SLRD) boundary **outside of the NCDE**.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, except as specified in this order, from April 1 to December 1, annually. [36 CFR 261.58(cc)]
2. Possessing, storing or transporting any animal carcass, or parts thereof, except as specified in this order from April 1 to December 1, annually. [36 CFR 261.58(s)]

UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT:

1. Human, pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), garbage, and all other attractants shall be acceptably possessed or acceptably stored during daytime hours (see definitions in information section).
2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours unless it is being prepared for eating, being consumed (eaten/drunk), being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Attractants (such as food leftovers or bacon grease) shall not be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campfire.
4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.
5. Any harvested animal carcass within ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating or being prepared for acceptable storage.
6. The responsible party shall report the death and location of livestock to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons may be exempt from this order (Lolo Forest Supervisors are delegated the authority to grant the exemption in writing):

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Signed in Missoula, Montana this ____ day of January 2006.

DEBORAH L.R. AUSTIN
Forest Supervisor
Lolo National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 U.S.C 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).