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Hyalite Road Temporarily Closed for 1-Time Plowing

Bozeman, MT... The Gallatin National Forest will close Hyalite Road #62 for a one-time plowing of snow on Thursday or Friday, December 27 or 28, 2007. Depending on weather conditions and plowing priorities, Gallatin County will plow the road likely on Thursday. While the road will be closed to all motorized vehicles for one day only, it will remain closed to snowmobiles until December 30 to address increased motor vehicle and snowmobile safety concerns.

The Forest Service received a request from Bridger Ski Foundation (BSF) to consider closing the road for plowing. The BSF holds a special use permit with the Gallatin Forest to sponsor a nordic ski event that will start near Hyalite Reservoir on Saturday, December 29th. With the snowfall and wind events this area received early this week, driving conditions on the road have become hazardous. The plowing will be financed by BSF and the Southwest Montana Ice Climbers Coalition.

“For safety purposes the Forest will close the road while the plowing is occurring,” said Bruce Roberts, Acting Bozeman District Ranger. “No pullouts will be plowed, only the road and the parking area at Blackmore. Because there will be increased traffic on this dual use road creating additional safety issues, snowmobiles will be restricted from using the route itself until December 30th. However, snowmobilers can park at Blackmore to access areas open to snowmobiles.”

When the road will be closed is dependent on weather conditions and county plowing priorities. The Forest will re-open the road as soon as plowing activities are completed. Because of the nordic ski event on Saturday, people in the area can expect to encounter increased traffic and possible congestion. The Forest encourages people to contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520 for up to date road status information.



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