
Gardiner Ranger District News Release



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Forest Implements Emergency Closure in Little Trail Creek/Travertine Area West and North of Gardiner

Gardiner, MT... Effective today, the Gallatin National Forest has implemented an emergency area closure in the Little Trail Creek Trail and Travertine Road area just north and west of Gardiner to address a public safety hazard.

Early this morning, a hunter was injured by a bear in this area. Personnel with the Gallatin National Forest, Yellowstone National Park, and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks spent most of the day combing the area searching for the bear but have not yet located it. The bear is likely injured, putting others in the area at high risk of an encounter.

This Area Closure includes an area one mile either side of and including Forest Service Road #1701, from its junction with the Travertine County Road, on what is commonly referred to as the Travertine Bench; and one mile either side of Little Trail Creek, outside the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness boundary. This includes Maiden Basin, Little Trail Creek Trail #49, outside the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, and Lower Little Trail Creek Trail #318 and the Travertine Bench.

"Officials will continue monitoring the area looking for the injured bear and trying to determine whether or not there are cubs present," said Marna Daley, Gallatin National Forest Public Affairs Officer. "The emergency closure will remain in place until officials from the various agencies involved feel it is safe to allow people back into the area."

For emergency closure information please contact the Gardiner Ranger District at (406) 848-7375.

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