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# Gallatin National Forest News Release



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## Hunters – Please Remember...

The Gallatin National Forest reminds visitors that motorized vehicles are required to stay on designated routes, that Food Storage Regulations apply forest-wide, and to try and leave no trace when visiting national forest system lands.

“We wanted to take the opportunity to remind people of a few changes that have occurred on the Gallatin Forest,” said Marna Daley, Public Affairs Officer. Some of these changes include an expanded Food Storage Order which requires that unattended food, refuse, and attractants be stored in hard-sided vehicles or bear-resistant containers (or hung above the ground out of the reach of wildlife) on all of the Gallatin National Forest. “The expanded order recognizes that undesirable human-wildlife interactions are occurring, and that the Forest has the responsibility to promote human safety and to ensure healthy, viable wildlife populations,” said Daley. Detailed information about how to appropriately store attractants, including carcasses can be found on the Forest’s website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>.

Motorized vehicles are required to remain on designated routes on trails. Unless specifically designated for motorized travel, bulldozer lines that were built during fire suppression activities are closed to motor vehicles. “We ask that people do not try and re-open these fire lines so they can drive up them. This causes additional resource damage and impairs the Forest’s rehabilitation efforts,” said Daley.

Finally, when visiting public lands please remember to Leave No Trace. This includes planning ahead and being prepared for the unexpected, traveling and camping on durable surfaces, disposing of waste properly, leaving what you find (except for trash), minimizing campfire impacts, respecting wildlife, and being considerate of other visitors. Detailed information on how Leave No Trace methods can be found at [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org). The Forest encourages people wishing to report suspicious behavior or activities to call the 1-800-TIP-MONT hotline.

There are no fire restrictions on the Forest and a limited number of emergency road or trail closures. Please check with your local Ranger District Office before heading out if you have questions

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