
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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Travel Plan Winter Recreation Maps Available

The Gallatin National Forest has published a new winter recreation or over-snow map that is available at all Ranger District offices and the Supervisor's Office free of charge. The map depicts the winter portion of the Travel Management Plan Decision and shows over-snow recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized users across the Forest. The map is also available on the Forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>.

Tom Puchlerz, Acting Forest Supervisor states, "It is important to note that Hyalite Canyon road will remain open to motor vehicles this winter season. No snow plowing of the road will occur this winter as a landslide blocking a portion of the road has made it unsafe to plow. The Forest intends to stabilize the hillside where the slide occurred sometime next summer."

Not all the routes displayed in the Travel Plan Decision will be displayed on the maps. Routes that require additional maintenance, construction, deconstruction, or access issues to be resolved prior to being open for public use are not displayed. Once these routes are built or established they will be included on the yearly over-snow map update.

"It was a premise of the travel plan decision that it is a visitor's responsibility to know which roads and trails are open so we encourage everyone visiting the Forest to stop by and pick up a map. The Forest intends to focus on information and education this winter to help people get used to the new map and the changes travel management," said Puchlerz. "Please remember to check on environmental conditions before heading into the hills. The Forest's Avalanche Center website is a great source of this information and can be found at <http://www.mtavalanche.com>." For additional information please contact any Gallatin National Forest Ranger District Office or the Supervisor's Office.

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