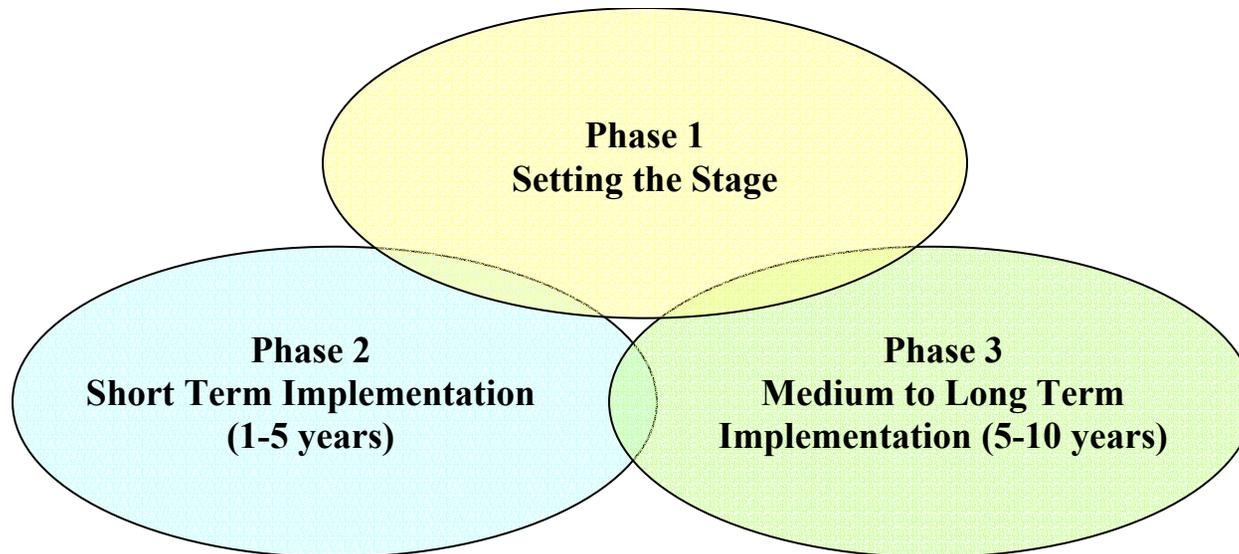


# **GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

**Travel Plan Implementation will be deliberate yet opportunistic, flexible and dynamic.**

**There are 4 core implementation phases that are collections of activities that may have similar sense of urgency, scope, or intent. They are all interconnected, but not necessarily dependent on the other to proceed. For example, Phase 1 includes a number of activities that set the stage for Phase 2 and 3, yet many of the activities in the latter phases can proceed without completing all the tasks in the former.**



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**Phase 1 – Setting the Stage**

TASK
<p><b>Information &amp; Education Plan</b> Initiate and implement plan that improves compliance and builds relationships with user groups and interested parties. The Plan will identify activities that will aid the public in finding recreation opportunities (e.g., motorcycle trails or non-motorized trails) so that they can comply with the Travel Plan.</p>
<p><b>Hyalite Winter Management Plan</b> Continue working with user groups to determine appropriate scope and intensity of snowplowing, road closure mgt, ice climbing access, and ski trail grooming</p>
<p><b>Time Share-Decisions</b> Establish a user group to help craft options for timeshare. The time-share concept will apply to the following Bozeman Ranger District trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Storm Castle #85                      * Sypes Canyon #531</li> <li>* Truman Gulch #535                   * Middle Cottonwood #586</li> <li>* Corbly Gulch Trail #544           * Hyalite #427/ E Fork of Hyalite #434</li> <li>* Bridger Foothills #534           * Ross Pass #534</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plan and Implement Funded Opportunities</b> Utilize grants, and volunteers. The intent is to NOT miss opportunities to work with organized volunteers, utilize grant funds, donations, or contributions (e.g., In-kind). See cover letter for list of funded project work for 2007.</p>
<p><b>Travel Plan Monitoring</b> Initiate monitoring as defined in USFWS Biological Opinion, etc. This will occur concurrently with implementation. There is a need to ensure monitoring plans are specific and incorporate necessary monitoring protocols.</p>
<p><b>Analysis and Risk Assessment for dual-designated routes</b> Complete analysis for determining where dual-designation routes are acceptable.</p>
<p><b>User Map and Guide Products</b> Prepare maps and guides that are available to public, thus improving compliance and directing users to their desired recreation opportunities. The following map products are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Forest Visitor Map – June. 2008</li> <li>* Web Map (Arc IMS web application) – September 2007</li> </ul>

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\* Specialized User Maps (e.g., motorcycle trails, etc.) – begin with raw maps then can enhance as time allows. – July 2007

**Signing Implementation Plan and Schedule**

Initiate and implement a plan that outlines appropriate signing strategies, thus resolving basic signing issues, i.e., remove obsolete signs and install relevant signs. The plan will address trails, roads, and area boundaries.

**Phase 2: Short Term: 1 – 5 year emphasis**

TASK
<p><b>Open All Motorized Road/Trail Systems and Address High Priority Water and Soil Resource Issues</b> Provide for motorized opportunities in compliance with the Travel Plan. Plan projects that require construction or improving connector trails, and high priority resource protection work. Develop an annual program of work through the Capital Investment process.</p>
<p><b>Law Enforcement and Information Plan</b> Initiate and implement a plan that identifies strategies for aiding public with compliance, and for assuring compliance (e.g., saturation patrols).</p>
<p><b>User Group Agreements</b> Prepare mutual interest agreements (e.g., cost-share, MOU, Volunteer, Participating, etc.) to formalize relationship and commitment of resources.</p>
<p><b>Travel Plan Access Goals and Objectives</b> Provide and maintain reasonable, legal access to Gallatin National Forest System Lands to provide for human use and enjoyment and to protect and manage Forest resource values. Develop an annual program of work and project list.</p>
<p><b>Designate and Manage “Go-Down” Routes</b> Provide for designated go-down routes that provide recreation opportunities, while addressing resource concerns relative to soil, water, riparian areas and wildlife. Areas include: Hebgen Lake, Beaver Creek, Taylor Fork, Gallatin Canyon, Hyalite, Mill Creek, Beartooth Scenic Highway, Main Boulder.</p>

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**Phase 3: Medium to Long Term: 5 – 10 years**

TASK
<b>Plan and implement non-motorized routes</b> Provide for non-motorized opportunities in compliance with Travel Plan. To open routes may require construction of connector routes or improvement of existing routes. Develop an annual program of work and project list.
<b>Parking Facilities</b> Provide parking facilities necessary to accommodate use levels in areas currently without adequate facilities. Develop and annual program of work and project list.
<b>Maintenance and Improvements</b> Provide ongoing maintenance and improvements for road, trail, trailhead and parking facilities. This is routine maintenance and improvements that may, but do not necessarily occur on an annual basis.
<b>Decommission Roads and un-needed Trails</b> Decommission some roads and trails, and obliterate user created routes to address resource issues. Generate an annual program of work based on decommissioning needs. Develop an integrated annual program of work and project list that complements other projects.