

The Gallatin National Forest Travel Plan Implementation Strategy

The next two documents outline the program of work to begin Travel Plan Implementation for the remainder of 2007 and the overall **Implementation Strategy for the Gallatin National Forest Travel Plan.**

Work to begin in 2007

Bozeman Ranger District

- Begin Phase I of Bear Canyon trail rehabilitation – Phase I
- Bangtails restoration and decommissioning (ongoing from 2006)
- Brackett Creek land exchange realignment of trails and trailheads

Big Timber Ranger District

- Designate and sign “go-down” routes in the Main Boulder drainage
- Install additional drainage structures/clearing on the Lower Deer Creek Trail (#5) and Placer Gulch Trail (#256)
- Field survey the new Tie Cutter Gulch OHV Trail

Gardiner Ranger District

- Rehabilitate the Lost Wolverine Pass Trail off of Daisy Pass, including ATVs
- Field survey new Cooke City ATV routes
- Decommission abandoned ATV routes in the Woody Creek drainage.

Livingston Ranger District

- Field survey the ATV loop in Smith Creek
- Field survey the ATV loop connectors in the Mill Creek area

Hebgen Lake Ranger District

- Designate and sign of “go-down” routes district wide.
- Rehabilitate trails in the Meadow Creek/Buck Creek area
- Construct the Continental Divide Trail from Targhee Pass to Reas Pass
- Re-locate the access point from West Yellowstone to the South Plateau groomed snowmobile trail system from Iris Street to Electric Street
- Rehabilitate the Lionhead ATV Trail
- Field survey ATV connector loops

Forest-wide

- Develop Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
- Improve road and trail signing
- Re-align gates to new locations
- Remove old travel management posters and install new posters reflecting decisions
- Pursue partnerships with users groups

The Forest intends to publish the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) as soon as possible. We are working on resolving technical glitches that have delayed map publication.

Time Share

One of the items in the implementation strategy that has not been completed is to craft the user configuration of the time-share trails around Bozeman. The areas and trails designated for timeshare are:

Bridger Area

- Truman Gulch (#535)
- Corbly Gulch (#544)
- Ross Pass (#534)
- Middle Cottonwood (#586)
- Sypes Canyon (#531)
- Bridger Foothills (#534)

Hyalite Area

- Hyalite (#427)
- East Fork Hyalite (#434)
- Storm Castle (#85)

An initial meeting to begin discussing how to craft timeshare use is scheduled for July 18th at the Bozeman Ranger District Office, 3710 Fallon Street, Suite C, Bozeman, Montana from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating in these discussions, please call Marna Daley at (406) 587-6703.

Also, the Forest is continuing discussions for the Hyalite winter use strategy. These discussions are ongoing and I am hopeful that a strategy will be finalized prior to publication of the Forest winter use map in September 2007.

The Forest intends to produce a yearly implementation status report that details accomplishments from the previous year and anticipated work for the upcoming year. This status report should be available yearly in late winter/early spring until the Travel Plan is fully implemented.

The following document is the overall Implementation Strategy for the Gallatin National Forest Travel Plan.