

SPECIAL ORDER  
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST  
BOZEMAN and LIVINGSTON RANGER DISTRICTS  
PO Box 130  
Bozeman, Montana 59771

**BEAR CANYON  
LIVESTOCK AND BICYCLE USE RESTRICTION**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are prohibited as described below, on the Gallatin National Forest (see the descriptions below, and attached exhibit). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, part 261, Title 36.

**36 CFR 261.55 – Forest Development Trails:**

**Use by any type of traffic or mode of transport prohibited by the order. {Title 36, 261.55(c)}**

For the purpose of this order the following are prohibited:

- A. Possessing or using bicycles yearlong. The use of bicycles is **prohibited yearlong** on the following trails (see attached map exhibit):
  1. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440, from where the trail departs from Bear Canyon Road in Section 6, T3S, R7E (at the first creek crossing, approximately 0.5 miles from the trailhead), southeast to where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E.
  2. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) from where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E, east to the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 9, T3S, R7E.
  3. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) from the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 9, T3S, R7E, northeast to the junction with the Chestnut Mountain Trail #458 in Section 9, T3S, R7E.
  4. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E, southeast to the junction with Bear Lake Trail #508 in Section 21, T3S, R7E.
  5. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from the junction with Bear Lake Trail #508 in Section 21, T3S, R7E, northeast to the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 21, T3S, R7E.
  6. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 21, T3S, R7E, southeast to the junction with Trail Creek Station Road #1705 in Section 22, T3S R7E.
  7. Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 from the junction with the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) in Section 9, T3S, R7E, south to the junction with the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) in Section 21, T3S, R7E.

8. Bear Lakes Trail #508 from the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) in Section 21, T3S, R7E, south to the junction with the Mystical Bear Trail #53 in Section 28, T3S, R7E.
9. Bear Lakes Trail #508 from the junction with the Mystical Bear Trail #53 in Section 28, T3S, R7E, east to Bear Lakes in Section 28, T3S, R7E.
10. Mystical Bear Trail #53 from the junction with the Bear Lakes Trail #508 in Section 28, T3S, R7E, southwest to the hydrologic divide between Bear Creek and Bozeman Creek watersheds in the southeast quarter of Section 29, T3S, R7E.

### **36 CFR 261.58 – Occupancy and Use:**

**Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. {Title 36, 261.58(aa)}**

For the purpose of this order the following are prohibited:

- A. Use or possession of live-stock including but not limited to horses, mules and llamas is **prohibited yearlong** in the following areas (see attached map exhibit):
  1. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440, from where the trail departs from Bear Canyon Road in Section 6, T3S, R7E (at the first creek crossing, approximately 0.5 miles from the trailhead), southeast to where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E.
  2. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) from where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E, east to the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 9, T3S, R7E.
  3. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) from the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 9, T3S, R7E, northeast to the junction with the Chestnut Mountain Trail #458 in Section 9, T3S, R7E.
  4. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from where the trail splits in Section 8, T3S, R7E, southeast to the junction with Bear Lake Trail #508 in Section 21, T3S, R7E.
  5. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from the junction with Bear Lake Trail #508 in Section 21, T3S, R7E, northeast to the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 21, T3S, R7E.
  6. Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) from the junction with Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 in Section 21, T3S, R7E, southeast to the junction with Trail Creek Station Road #1705 in Section 22, T3S R7E.
  7. Goose Creek Divide Trail #459 from the junction with the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (north segment) in Section 9, T3S, R7E, south to the junction with the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) in Section 21, T3S, R7E.

8. Bear Lakes Trail #508 from the Bear Canyon Loop Trail #440 (south segment) in Section 21, T3S, R7E, south to the junction with the Mystical Bear Trail #53 in Section 28, T3S, R7E.
9. Bear Lakes Trail #508 from the junction with the Mystical Bear Trail #53 in Section 28, T3S, R7E, east to Bear Lakes in Section 28, T3S, R7E.
10. Mystical Bear Trail #53 from the junction with the Bear Lakes Trail #508 in Section 28, T3S, R7E, southwest to the hydrologic divide between Bear Creek and Bozeman Creek watersheds in the southeast quarter of Section 29, T3S, R7E.

These restrictions are necessary to protect soil and water resources and will be in place until trail restoration is sufficient to mitigate erosion and sedimentation per the Gallatin Travel Plan ROD.

**Exemptions:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any person with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Bozeman, Montana, this 2nd day of September 2008.

/s/Mary C. Erickson  
MARY C. ERICKSON  
Forest Supervisor

**Penalty:** Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. [16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571]

**Notification:** A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51