

Kootenai National Forest
1101 US Hwy 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
Travel Management

Travel Management on the Kootenai National Forest is managed following a wide range of laws and regulations. Each District on the Forest has a travel management plan which is evaluated each year. In an effort to manage the National Forest for a variety of uses, many roads, trails and some areas are closed to motorized use, sometimes seasonally while others may be closed yearlong. Purposes may include habitat security, protection of sensitive plants or animals, watersheds, extensive infestations of noxious weeds, and many others. In almost all situations, non motorized access by foot travel or bicycle is welcome.

In order to better serve your interests you will notice the maps this year have been greatly improved. However we have only listed the seasonally restricted roads along with trails restricted to motorized use. For a complete list, please visit one of our Forest Offices. Ask to be provided with a copy of the Forest Order related to travel management and a copy will be provided.

Each Travel Management order includes 4 portions. The Order itself along with 3 attachments:

Attachment A: Roads 36 CFR 261.54 - NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS
Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [36 CFR 261.54(a)] includes the entire list of road closures. Each road number will also include a closure code which explains the dates which the road is unavailable for motorized travel.

Attachment B: Trails 36 CFR 261.55 - NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS
Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [36 CFR 261.55(b)] includes the trails which are closed to motorized use.

Attachment C: AREAS 36 CFR 261.56 - USE OF VEHICLES OFF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS.
When provided by an order, it is prohibited to possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System Roads. [36 CFR 261.56] lists the specific areas which may be closed to motorized use. NON-MOTORIZED TRAVEL IS WELCOME

Each district may list certain exemptions to the order, such as for firefighting, Search and Rescue, and Law Enforcement. Limits are placed on Administrative Use by Forest Service work crews. Specific permission is required for each entry and values such as protection of animals, habitat, and cost to taxpayers of hiking people into an area are evaluated.

Thank you for visiting our National Forests.

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- CLOSURE DATE CODES :**
- 1 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles October 15 through November 30, including snow vehicles.
 - 2 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles October 15 through June 30. Open to snow vehicles December 1 through April 30.
 - 3 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles December 1 through April 30, including snow vehicles.
 - 4 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles October 15 through June 30, including snow vehicles.
 - 7 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles April 1 through May 31, including snow vehicles.
 - 10 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles. Open to snow vehicles. (Administrative Sites, campgrounds, Kooncanusa Reservoir)
 - 12 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles December 1 through June 30, including snow vehicles.
 - 17 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles July 1 through November 30, including snow vehicles.

- EXCEPTIONS :**
- 401 Restricted Yearlong to all traffic, including foot traffic.
 - Code 4 amended for the following roads:
 - 402 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles September 1 through June 30, including snow vehicles.
 - 4727 Restricted Seasonally to motor vehicles September 1 through June 30, including snow vehicles.

Road No.	Road Name	Closure Date Code	Road No.	Road Name	Closure Date Code
128	FLOWER CR	2	4816D	BLUE MOUNTAIN D	2
128	FLOWER CR	7	4849A	BARRON CREEK ACCESS A	10
309	BIG CR BALDY MTN	10	4807A	JACKSON FLAT A	12
350	LIBBY RANGER STATION RD	10	4880C	STENERSON MTN C	12
350A	LIBBY RANGER STA. RD. A	10	4880H	STENERSON MTN H	12
350B	LIBBY RANGER STA. RD. B	10	4880I	STENERSON MTN I	12
350C	LIBBY RANGER STA. RD. C	10	4888B	S SIDE FIVE MILE E	1
402	CEGAR CREEK	4	4908A	N FK CANYON CR A	2
471	SEVENTEEN MILE CREEK	7	4908B	N FK CANYON CR B	2
522	BARNUM CREEK	2	4912F	CANYON CR W DRY FK F	2
532	SWIDE GULCH BUCK CR D	4	4912I	CANYON CR W DRY FK I	2
533E	SWIDE GULCH BUCK CR E	4	4913I	HORNET RIDGE I	12
533K	SWIDE GULCH BUCK CR K	4	4921C	SOUTH BRISTOW RIDGE C	17
533L	SWIDE GULCH BUCK CR L	4	5006E	TURNER MTN SKI TOWER A	10
533M	SWIDE GULCH BUCK CR M	4	5006A	TURNER MTN SKI TOWER B	10
536	CABINET VIEW	4	5033	MITCHELL CREEK POWERLINE A	3
536F	CABINET VIEW F	4	5033A	MITCHELL CRK POWERLINE A	3
536H	CABINET VIEW H	4	5036	UPPER JACKSON STUB	2
566F	WARLAND CR FIVE MILE F	4	5076	JACKSON FLAT UNKNOWN	4
601	LOWER QUARTZ CR	12	5082	TUB GULCH UNIT	4
706F	DOAK CR BLUE MTN F	2	5083	TUB GULCH RIDGE	4
706J	DOAK CR BLUE MTN J	2	5089	WATER TOWER RD.	4
706K	DOAK CR BLUE MTN K	2	5106	JOHN KENNEDY	4
706P	DOAK CR BLUE MTN P	2	5107	JACKIE KENNEDY	4
808A	SCHRIEBER CREEK A	4	5107A	JACKIE KENNEDY A	4
808B	SCHRIEBER CREEK B	4	5122	JACKSON-BARRON-DFDR	4
859	EAST ZIEGLER FACE	12	5139	DEEP CREEK FIRELINE	12
872	RAVINE GULCH	4	5146	DEEP CREEK UNIT	12
872A	RAVINE GULCH A	4	5147	DEEP CREEK UNIT 2	12
997	RAVEN RANGER STA RD	10	5151	JOHN JOHN KENNEDY	4
997A	RAVEN RANGER STA RD RESIDENCES	10	5151A	JOHN JOHN KENNEDY A	4
997B	RAVEN RANGER STA RD BARN	10	5152	FLOWER CR UNIT	7
1003	THOMAS GULCH	4	5153	FLOWER CR UPPER UNIT	2
1003A	THOMAS GULCH A	4	5151	UPPER RICE	4
1018	TUB GULCH DOAK CR	3	5174	GETNER CR A UNIT	2
1018A	TUB GULCH DOAK CR A	3	5176	CAROLINE KENNEDY	4
1032	UPPER BRUSH CREEK	4	5197	TUB GULCH UNIT	4
2396	UPPER BRUSH CREEK	2	5284	SPRING COYOTE UNIT	3
4532A	DAVIS CREEK A	17	5296	CANYON BAY DISPERSED WEST	10
4409	NORTH HORSE HILL	2	5297	CANYON BAY DISPERSED EAST	10
4598E	COODY CREEK	2	5298	CANYON BAY ACCESS	10
4598F	COODYMT STERLING	2	5298A	CANYON BAY ACCESS A	10
4598A	COODYMT STERLING A	2	5300	LOWER KIDBAR JR.	10
4598B	COODYMT STERLING B	2	5341	RAVINE JACKSON CEE	10
4598C	COODYMT STERLING C	2	5341B	RAVINE JACKSON CEE B	10
4613B	WEST SIDE PIPE B	2	5342	LOWER RAINY GRAVEL PITS	3
4613C	WEST SIDE PIPE C	2	5344	LOWER RAINY NORTH FACE 1	3
4613D	WEST SIDE PIPE D	2	5346	LOWER RAINY NORTH FACE 2	3
4668B	BUTLER CREEK B	4	5348	LOWER RAINY NORTH FACE 3	4
4674	BIG SWIDE LOOKOUT	2	5904	SNELL MTN	10
4696E	PIPE BULL CONNECTION E	4	5904D	SNELL MTN PINE	4
4696F	PIPE BULL CONNECTION F	4	6106	TURNER MTN SKI LIFT	10
4696J	PIPE BULL CONNECTION J	4	6203	LITTLE HOODOO	12
4720B	SWAMP RIDGE B	4	6203B	LITTLE HOODOO B	12
4721	UPPER RICE CR D	3	6203C	LITTLE HOODOO C	12
4721D	UPPER RICE CR D	4	6203D	LITTLE HOODOO D	12
4721G	UPPER RICE CR G	3	6203E	LITTLE HOODOO E	12
4727	CEGAR PARMENTER	4	6205B	BIG HORN CREEK	2
4730	FLOWER PARMENTER	4	6205F	CRAZZMIAN F	4
4742	BLUE CR FACE	2	6271	FIVE MILE BLUE SKY	12
4745A	UPPER HORSE MTN A	2	6705A	GETNER CR A	4
4745B	UPPER HORSE MTN B	2	6724	GETNER CR B	4
4752	MITCHELL CREEK	3	6725	TWIN CREEK	4
4752A	MITCHELL CREEK A	3	6725A	TWIN CREEK A	4
4752B	MITCHELL CREEK B	3	6725C	TWIN CREEK C	4
4768F	WILLIAMS CREEK F	4	6725E	TWIN CREEK E	4
4768G	WILLIAMS CREEK G	4	6752	COYOTE SPRING CR A	3
4768K	WILLIAMS CREEK K	4	6752A	COYOTE SPRING CR A	3
4768N	WILLIAMS CREEK N	4	6778A	FAVIN SPUR RD	10
4772C	DETGEN CR C	4	6778	MCGREGOR LAKE CAMPGROUND	10
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4774D	LIBBY CREEK SWAMP CR D	4	6800D	KELSEY ROCK CR CONN D	4
4774	HOWARD LAKE CAMP	10	6823	WOOF MOUNTAIN H	4
4779A	HOWARD LAKE CAMPGROUND	10	6823A	WOOF MOUNTAIN H A	4
4784	UPPER BEAR CREEK	12	6834	MONTIE'S ROAD	2
4792	DEEP CREEK	12	7286	TIMBERLAKE CAMPGROUND	10
4818	NORTH JACKSON	4	7716	DEEP CREEK - SNOWSHOE	12
4825	MCGILLIVRAY CR	10	14057	LOWER KIDBAR RD	4
4827	UPPER JACKSON	2	14417	RIDGE RICE	4
4828	JACKSON BASIN	2	14424	WILLIAMS CREEK WEST	4
4853	BRISTOW CR ACCESS	4	14426	MIDDLE SWIDE GULCH	4
4854	ELK KNOB	12	14442	LAMPTON POND	4
4856	UPPER ELK KNOB	12	14443	UPPER HOODOO LOWER LOOP	12
4870	JACKSON FLAT	4	14464	HOODOO CR RIDGE A	2
4872	ALEXANDER CREEK	12	14464A	HOODOO CR RIDGE A	2
4873	ROUSE RIDGE	12	14465	UPPER HORSE TRAIL	4
4881	MCGILLIVRAY ACCESS	10	14468	UPPER HORSE TRAIL	4
4885	STENERSON MTN	12	14468A	UPPER HORSE TRAIL A	4
4886	LOWER STENERSON	12	14509	LITTLE HOODOO LOWER LOOP	12
4890	CANYON CR ACCESS	10	14510	LITTLE HOODOO TOP LOOP	12
4914	WEST WYOMA	12	14517	JACKSON ACCESS	10
4916	WYOMA CR	12	14519	YARNELL ACCESS	4
4921	SOUTH BRISTOW RIDGE	17	14563	SOUTH FORK BUTLER CREEK	4
4781V	LOWER GRANITE V	12	14564	SOUTH BUTLER RIDGE	10
4782D	DEEP CREEK D	12	99857	KENNEDY RIDGE 99857	4

Cross-country travel by motorized wheeled vehicles is prohibited yearlong on all lands in Montana administered by the Forest Service. Please stay on existing travel routes. Existing local road, trail, and area restrictions apply. The purpose is to protect riparian areas, wetlands, crucial wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered species, soils and vegetation, aquatic and cultural resources, and to reduce user conflicts.

The following exception applies unless currently restricted: Cross-country travel to a campsite within 300 feet of a road or trail is permitted by the most direct route causing the least damage. Site selection must be completed by non-motorized means.

Refer to Off Highway Vehicle Record of Decision Dated 1/2001.

The following trails are closed yearlong to all motorized travel except over the snow vehicles:

Trail No.	Trail Name	Miles
129	Poorman Creek	3.33
820	Ramsay Creek	3.20
621	Cable Creek	2.26

The following trails are closed Yearlong to all motorized travel including over the snow vehicles:

Trail No.	Trail Name	Miles	Trail No.	Trail Name	Miles
2E	Historic Highway	2.19	261	Hickey Creek	2.18
5E	Fisher Divide	11.90	263	Noisy Creek	0.14
6E	Divide Trail	4.86	265	Basin Mtn	1.68
6N	Divide Trail	12.32	268	Snake Creek	1.14
6S	Divide Trail	11.22	293	Himes/Waloven	7.47
7	Purcell	7.47	296	Silver Butte Cr.	3.04
12N	Pipe Divide	5.32	297	Trapper Creek	3.06
12S	Rainy Divide	10.21	298	Porcupine Creek	2.44
12W	Blue Mountain	2.38	299	Barnum Peak	2.60
13	Skyline NRT	17.56	300	Teeters Peak	2.28
14	Indian Head	3.45	301	Gloria Mine	1.39
15	Plummer Trl	0.97	302	Mail Ozette	2.02
16	Powder Mountain	0.95	316	Norman Mountain	2.29
24	Barnum Creek	7.36	317	Minor Lake	3.75
25	Dunn Creek	6.02	320	Williams Creek	3.77
42	Bighorn	4.54	343	Himes/Spring Creek	7.41
43	Flagstaff/Chino	4.95	369E	Cabinet Divide	11.68
47	Bobtail	2.12	360N	Cabinet Divide	8.61
49	Turner Mountain	6.56	360S	Cabinet Divide	5.43
63	Divide Cutoff	3.26	375	Bobtail Ridge	8.44
70	Lost Soul Divide	5.08	376	Sheldon Mtn/Bike	7.12
97	Richards Mountain	5.89	383	Grumbauer Ridge	4.96
97S	Cody Lakes	0.33	387	Flatiron Summit	2.38
99	Caix Mountain	4.77	390	Flatiron Ridge	1.73
104	Kenelly Mountain	2.35	406	Mount n Tom	3.01
110	Jumbo Peak	2.50	415	Olson Creek	3.33
113	Iron Meadows	4.15	425	Bandelier Mtn	1.65
114	Silver Dollar	4.18	458	Allen Peak	4.69
115	Fourth of July	2.91	467	Tony Peak	2.08
116	Standard Creek	4.95	471	Monkey Mountain	1.30
117	Great Northern Mtn	2.14	489	Bear Creek	3.28
118	Miller Creek	2.81	505	N. Fk Miller Cr	1.76
119	Libby Creek	1.50	506	Miller Ridge	4.66
121	Swamp Creek	1.10	512	Rainy Divide	4.13
123	Ledgerone Creek	1.19	532	Porcupine Ridge	3.94
125	Blackfoot Pipeline	0.97	536	Blackfoot Peak	1.25
126	Fawn Creek	3.16	582	Jennings Tote	1.72
127	Weigel Creek	4.86	642	Wolf Mountain	2.95
128	Weigel Mountain	6.50	649	Scenery LO	4.97
130	Brulan Creek	6.50	656	Lake Creek	3.91
131	Big Cherry Creek	3.18	656	Brandee Creek	1.49
132	Leigh Lake	2.01	662	Kemisty Valley	1.68
135	Hanging Valley	7.76	682	Yarnell Islands	0.55
136	Granite Creek	6.03	689	Fritz Mountain	1.17
137	Plover Creek	6.01	699	Cow Creek	1.98
138	Grub Mountain	4.58	716	Libby Divide	6.73
139	North Fork Parmenter	2.75	814	Tom Poole Lake	0.48
140	Parmenter Creek	6.15	815	Wayup Mine	1.39
141	Cedar Creek	5.45	816	Bear Cr X-C	3.42
158	Hemlock Ridge	1.58	822	Bandier Ridge	3.19
172	Fibth-KNF-Div	15.86	823	Howard Lake	1.64
178	Bear Lakes	2.82	824	Timberlane X-C	1.94
213	Quartz Mountain	1.16	825	Rambow Lake	0.24
225	Upper Pipe	3.97	826	Gold Hill Divide	4.87
226	Shaw-Beady	3.82	827	S Flower X-C	5.20
241	North Fork Canyon	3.71	858	Marl Creek	4.84
242	Sugarfoot Rd	4.00	859	Kenelly Caves	0.79



Gold Panning:

The Forest Service has set aside a historic gold panning area for public recreation. The area was a producing placer gold venture from the late 1800's to the early 1950's. Here people can use non-mechanized means to search for gold. Small flakes are frequently found and the occasional "nugget" spurs gold fever. On-site camping is available with a 14 day limit.



LIBBY DISTRICT SOUTH HALF

* Howard Lake Campground may be closed to vehicle traffic on an intermittent basis as posted to protect road bed. After October 15 users should call the Ranger Station regarding access. The road is open to over the snow vehicles December 1 to April 30.

Bear Awareness:

When hiking, travel in groups if possible, and avoid surprising bears by talking and making noise.

Keep EPA-approved bear spray and know how to use it.

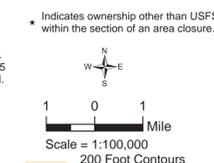
Carry away from areas with heavy bear sign, animal carcasses or gut piles, and concentrated feeding sites. Report grizzly bear sightings to the nearest Forest Service office. They may be useful to wildlife managers.

Report grizzly bear conflicts, confrontations, bears receiving food rewards, unsafe public behaviors, or other potentially dangerous situations to a local Forest Service or Fish and Game office.

For more detailed information and requirements, contact the nearest Forest Service office.

Additional information is also available at these internet sites:

- <http://www.bearaware.org/indexnfn.htm>
- <http://www.lwfwf.org/>
- <http://www.bearaware.bc.ca/>



Why Are Noxious Weeds a Problem?
Noxious weeds degrade the environment and wildlife habitat by reducing natural forage, and other native plants. They also can increase soil erosion, and lower water quality. Although many weeds are pretty, their negative effects on the environment and the economy are substantial. Because most noxious weeds have come from other countries, there are few, if any, natural controls to keep weed populations from taking over once they get established.

So what can you do to reduce the spread of weeds and seeds?

- 1) Don't drive through or park in weed patches. Weeds or their seeds can get caught in the undercarriage, grill, bumper or tires and transported to new locations.
- 2) Don't take vehicles behind locked gates, or off-road (this is illegal, too).
- 3) Use weed seed free feed for your stock.
- 4) Don't pick weed bouquets off your clothes or pets and throw them on the ground. Dispose of them properly.
- 5) Don't pick weed "bouquets" and take them home or to your campsite.

Your help is appreciated!
For more information contact: Libby District Noxious Weeds Specialist (800) 293-7771.