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Winter Recreation Travel Agreement

Lewis and Clark National Forest officials are reminding forest users of the implementation of the Winter Recreation Travel Agreement. An interim Special Order restricting snowmobiles in five cross-country ski areas around the King's Hill Winter Recreation Area in the Little Belt Mountains and in Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) is currently in effect. This interim Special Order (LC-05-02A) restricts snowmobile travel from December 15 to April 15 in areas surrounding the Silver Crest, Ranch Creek, Deadman and O'Brien Creek cross-country ski trails, and in the lower portions of Jefferson Creek (Forest Road # 267), Middle Fork of the Judith WSA and Big Snowy Mountains WSA.

The Winter Recreation Travel Agreement resulted from negotiations by the various forest users attempting to resolve travel plan appeals, to provide opportunities for cross-country skiing, to protect wilderness character of the Wilderness Study Areas and to reduce conflicts between users. Staff of the Lewis and Clark National Forest used the winter agreement as a "proposed action" for travel planning in the area which was initiated earlier this year.

Maps displaying the areas with restricted snowmobile travel are posted and available at the Belt Creek, Judith, Musselshell, White Sulphur Springs Ranger Stations and the Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office in Great Falls. For more information, call Forest Service staff at Belt Creek Ranger Station (406) 236-5511, White Sulphur Springs Ranger Station (406) 547-3361, Musselshell Ranger Station (406) 632-4391 and Judith Ranger Station (406) 566-2292.

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