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## Be Bear Aware – Store Food Properly

While there currently is no food storage order in the Little Belt, Castle, Crazy, Highwood or Snowy Mountains, Lewis and Clark National Forest officials are warning forest visitors and neighbors to be bear aware.

Bears have been active in all the mountain ranges of the Lewis and Clark National Forest and are foraging and eating as much as possible before they den. Bears are scouting for any type of food, bringing them to places they might not normally range, including campgrounds and recreation cabins. If bears are attracted to unnatural food sources, they can become problem bears that could ultimately endanger someone or cause the bear's demise. To avoid creating problem bears, residents and forest visitors should keep food, garbage, grills, pet food, birdseed, and other attractants properly stored and unavailable to bears and other wildlife. Also, campers in dispersed sites need to follow the Pack It In – Pack It Out rule by taking all trash with them when they leave the national forest.

For more information on bear activity or food storage, call Forest Service staff in Belt Creek, (406) 236-5511; Stanford, (406) 566-2292; White Sulphur Springs, (406) 547-3361; and Harlowton, (406) 632-4391.

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