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Food Storage Special Order Imposed

Forest Supervisor Spike Thompson has signed a Special Order mandating strict procedures for storage of food and other attractants in the Logging Creek, Many Pines, Grasshopper, Richardson, Moose Creek, Jumping Creek, Kings Hill and Aspen campgrounds in the Little Belt and Castle Mountains of the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

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 or White Sulphur Springs, (406) 547-3361.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Food storage order attached.