

**WINTER RECREATION PROHIBITIONS**

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST  
BELT CREEK AND WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANGER DISTRICTS  
FOREST SUPERVISOR'S ORDER

**FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS AND TRAILS AND  
USE OF VEHICLES OFF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS**

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, 261.50(a) and (b), 261.54(a), 261.55(b) and 261.56, the following restrictions are in effect in the Jefferson Division of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, become effective when signed, and will remain in effect until rescinded. For purposes of this order, the Forest Supervisor may temporarily amend any or all prohibitions or inclusive dates of the prohibitions described by the order based upon snow conditions or other scheduled management activities within the defined areas. These restrictions are:

**Operating any over-the-snow or wheeled motorized vehicle anywhere within the defined boundaries of the following Winter Recreation Areas, as specifically described on attached map and in Attachment "A," during the calendar year period of December 15 to April 15:**

1. **Deadman Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Area.**
2. **Ranch Creek Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Area.**
3. **O'Brien Creek Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Area.**
4. **Silvercrest Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Area.**
5. **Jefferson Creek Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Area.**

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

1. Persons operating an over-the-snow vehicle on Segment of Trail #512 located north of Showdown Ski Area in the north ½ of sec. 33, T.13 N., R. 8 E., as described on attached map.
2. Persons operating an over-the-snow vehicle on the short segment of trail to the parking area located in the Silvercrest Winter Recreation Area, SW1/4 of section 26, T. 13 N., R. 8 E., as shown on attached map.
3. Any person with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
4. 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 Great Falls, Montana, this \_\_\_9th\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_March\_\_\_,2005.

*/s/ Lesley W. Thompson*

LESLEY W. THOMPSON, Forest Supervisor

**Penalty**

Violation 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 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571.)

**Notification**

Copies of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

**Attachment A**

**1. DEADMAN NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

An area in the Little Belt Mountains of approximately 2265 acres, extending from Kings Hill south to Deadman Creek Road and east of Highway 89 to Deadman Creek. The area includes lands in Sections 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, and 23, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, as shown on the attached map.

**2. RANCH CREEK NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

An area in the Little Belt Mountains of approximately 6808 acres, extending from Kings Hill south to Ranch Creek Road and west of Highway 89 to Jumping Creek. The area includes lands in Sections 28, 32, 33, and 34, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, as shown on the attached map.

**3. O'BRIEN CREEK NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

An area in the Little Belt Mountains of approximately 1024 acres, located in the headwaters of O'Brien Creek drainage west of Highway 89. The area includes lands in Sections 17, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, as shown on the attached map.

**4. SILVERCREST NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

An area in the Little Belt Mountains of approximately 945 acres, around the Silver Crest ski trails west of Highway 89. The area includes lands in Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 28, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, as shown on the attached map.

**5. JEFFERSON CREEK NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

An area in the Little Belt Mountains of approximately 2350 acres, east of Highway 89 along Jefferson Creek. The area includes lands in Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, and Sections 6 and 7, Township 13 North, Range 9 East as shown on the attached map.