

Little Belt, Castle, and North Half Crazy Mountains Travel Management Plan

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagher, Wheatland, Sweetgrass, and Park Counties, Montana

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Abstract:

The Lewis and Clark National Forest proposes to change the management of motorized and non-motorized travel on the roads, trails, and areas within the Little Belt, Castle, and north half Crazy Mountains. Changing travel management affects the recreational opportunities (mileage and acreage) for use of motorized wheeled vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, stock, hiking, and other modes of travel on roads, trails, and cross-country. Three action alternatives were developed and compared with a no-action (no change) alternative for summer wheeled vehicle management. Two action alternatives were developed and compared with a no-action alternative for winter over-snow management. The effects on 21 issues were analyzed and displayed for all 7 alternatives in a final environmental impact statement. Selecting any combination of the summer and winter alternatives would result in a system of designated roads, trails, and areas for travel in the three mountain ranges.

Comments on this FEIS.

Public review and comment was solicited on the “draft” environmental impact statement (DEIS), and utilized in the preparation of this final environmental impact statement (FEIS). No further public review nor public comment is being sought on this “final” EIS.

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Reviewers whom disagree with information presented in this FEIS may appeal any decision based upon it. Decisions based upon this FEIS are described in separate documents. It is the reviewer’s responsibility to obtain those decision documents and follow procedures described in them to appeal the decision(s).