

6B.1 Travel Management Signs for Strategies

Following are several examples of travel management signs and their uses for road, trail, or area closure strategies. The list is not all inclusive. Travel management sign messages can be customized for site-specific prohibitions and situations. See 6B.2 for the usual prohibitions and situations. Consult the Forest or Regional Sign Coordinator for assistance in developing messages for unique situations.

6B.1.1 Road and Trail Restrictions



This sign shows a seasonal restriction of **ALL** motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, from using the road or trail. It does not include mountain bikes or other nonmotorized vehicles.

The snowmobile prohibition must be signed because 36 CFR 261 Subparts A and B and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles from the motor vehicle restrictions. To sign only the snowmobile prohibition without signing other motorized vehicle prohibitions would confuse the public.

If a route is open to snowmobiles and all other motorized vehicle use is restricted, the prohibition of motor vehicle use does not need to be signed because the route is delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

Symbols showing the restricted traffic may be used in lieu of text.



This sign prohibits travel on the route by **ALL** vehicles yearlong, including snowmobiles, mountain bikes, and skateboards. The prohibition must be signed because 36 C 261 subparts A and B and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles and nonmotorized vehicles from the motor vehicle restrictions.

All vehicle prohibitions should be signed to avoid confusing the public. A wheelchair is not considered a vehicle.

If the route is open to snowmobiles and other types of vehicles, but is not a designated motor vehicle route, the prohibition to motor vehicle use does not need to be signed because the route would not be delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use map as a designated motor vehicle route.



This sign prohibits seasonal travel on the route by mountain bikes, in addition to the yearlong motor vehicle prohibitions.

The prohibition must be signed because 36 CFR 261 Subparts A and B and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles and other nonmotorized vehicles from the motor vehicle restrictions. All prohibitions should be signed to avoid confusing the public.

If the route is open to mountain bikes and all other vehicle use is accepted, the prohibition of motor vehicle use does not need to be signed if it is not delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map as a motor vehicle route.



This sign restricts horse and stock trailer use on a road.

6B.1.2 Road and Trail Closures



This sign shows a seasonal closure to **ALL** uses, including hikers/pedestrians for a specific time period on the route.

The entire closure (motorized and nonmotorized) must be signed to avoid confusing the public.

6B.1.3 Area Restrictions



This sign prohibits **ALL** motorized cross-country travel yearlong, including snowmobiles. The snowmobile prohibition must be signed because 36 CFR 261 Subparts A and B and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles from the motor vehicle restrictions. To sign the snowmobile prohibition only without signing other motorized vehicle prohibitions would confuse the public.

If an area is open to snowmobiles and all other motorized vehicle use is restricted, the prohibition of cross-country motor vehicle use does not need to be signed because it is delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map.



This sign prohibits all cross-country travel by **ALL** vehicles yearlong, including snowmobiles, mountain bikes, and skateboards. The prohibition must be signed because 36 C 261 subparts A and B, and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles and nonmotorized vehicles from the motor vehicle restrictions.

All vehicle prohibitions should be signed to avoid confusing the public.

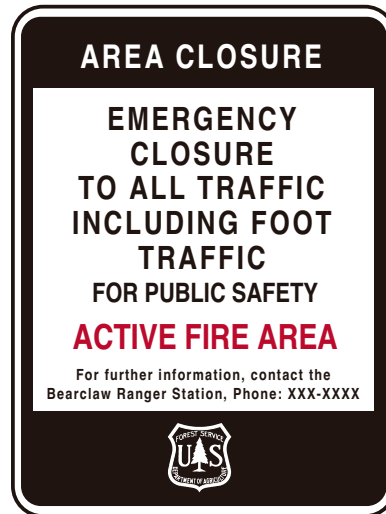
If an area is open to snowmobiles and all other vehicle use is accepted, the prohibition to cross-country motor vehicle use does not need to be signed because it is delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map.



This sign indicates that the area is open to cross-country motorized use except snowmobiles for a specific season. The snowmobile prohibition must be signed because 36 CFR 261 subparts A and B, and 36 CFR 212 exempt snowmobiles from the motor vehicle restrictions.

The boundaries of the designated motorized use area must be clearly delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Signing is not required for the motor vehicle use boundaries.

6B.1.4 Area Closures



This temporary sign prohibits all uses (closed) including hiker/pedestrians for a short-term emergency such as a wildfire. The red text highlights the safety issue.



This permanent sign prohibits all uses (closed) including hikers/pedestrians for a specific time period for habitat protection.

6B.2 Travel Management Sign



TM 1 or 2



TM 3 or 4
Gate mounted

Sign number	H (inches)	L (inches)	Heading A minimum (inches)	Symbol size B minimum (inches)	Date and lettering size C minimum (inches)	Logo/shield size D minimum (inches)	Number of symbols
TM-1	18	12	1	3	5/8	Min 1 1/2	3 or less
TM-2	24	18	2	3	1	Min 2	4 or 5
TM-3	12	18	1	3	5/8	Min 1 1/2	4 or less
TM-4	18	24	2	3	1	Min 2	5 or 6

6B.2.1 Travel Management Sign Inserts**INSERT A—Title**

- Road
- Trail
- Area
- Combination (Road and Trail, Road and Area)

INSERT B (1)—Restricted Traffic Symbols (R indicates a red slash.)

When used, symbols should be placed in the following order from left to right for consistency:

- RG-010R, Automobiles
- RL-140R, 4-wheel drive
- RL-170R, ATV
- RL-150R, Motorcycle
- RS-070R, Snowmobile
- RL-090R, Bicycle
- RL-110R, Horse travel
- RL-100R, Hiker
- RS-040R, Skier
- Other symbols as needed

INSERT B (2)—Restricted Traffic Word Messages (Use in place of traffic symbols.)

- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
- ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND BICYCLES PROHIBITED
- NO PUBLIC TRAFFIC
- NO VEHICLES GREATER THAN 50 INCHES WIDE
- NO VEHICLES GREATER THAN 12 INCHES TREAD WIDTH
- CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, INCLUDING FOOT TRAFFIC
- Additional messages as needed.

INSERT C—From – To –

- 1ST, 15TH, 30TH, or 31ST OF EACH MONTH (or as appropriate)
- Yearlong
- WHEN SNOW IS 4/6/12 INCHES OR DEEPER
- UNTIL SURFACE DRIES
- Other dates or messages as appropriate

INSERT D—Explanations for the Restriction/Closure

- TO PROTECT WILDLIFE HABITAT
- TO PROTECT CALVING HABITAT
- TO PROTECT NESTING HABITAT
- TO PROTECT WINTER RANGE
- TO PROTECT SUMMER RANGE
- TO PROTECT MIGRATION CORRIDORS
- TO PROVIDE WILDLIFE SECURITY
- TO PROTECT THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE HABITAT
- TO PROTECT GRIZZLY BEAR HABITAT
- TO PROTECT CARIBOU HABITAT
- TO PROTECT EAGLE HABITAT AREA

- TO PROTECT AQUATIC HABITAT
- TO PREVENT SEDIMENTATION
- TO PREVENT TEMPERATURE INCREASE
- TO PROVIDE AQUATIC SECURITY
- TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY
- TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY
- TO REDUCE INVASIVE SPECIES
- TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE COSTS
- TO REDUCE USER CONFLICTS
- TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION
- TO PROTECT FACILITIES
- TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO VEGETATION
- TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO (ROAD/TRAIL) SURFACES
- TO RETURN (ROAD/TRAIL) TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION
- DUE TO UNSAFE CONDITIONS
- TO PROTECT SPECIAL AREAS
- TO PROTECT SPECIAL INTEREST AREA
- TO PROTECT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER AREA
- TO PROTECT THE WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT/VALUES
- TO PROTECT RESEARCH NATURAL AREA
- TO PROTECT ROADLESS AREAS
- TO PROTECT A NATURAL MEADOW
- TO PROVIDE A NONMOTORIZED RECREATION EXPERIENCE
- TO PROTECT _____ HABITAT
- TO PROTECT _____ QUALITY
- TO PROTECT _____ AREA
- Other messages as appropriate

INSERT E—Other Messages

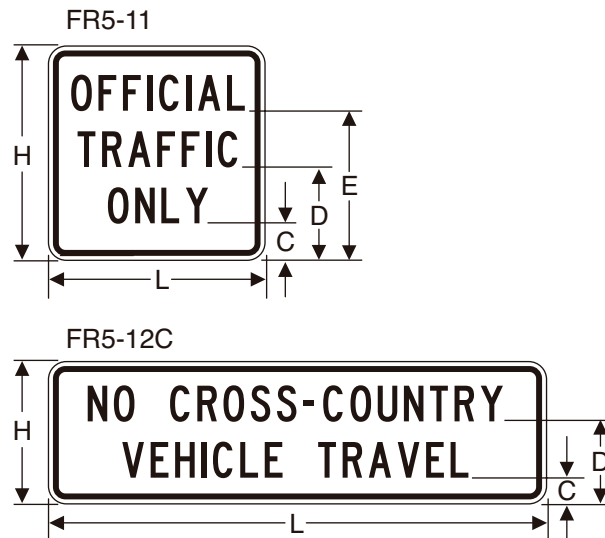
- OPEN TO ALL OTHER USES
- FOOT TRAVEL ALLOWED YEARLONG
- NON-MOTORIZED USE ALLOWED YEARLONG
- ABOVE USES ALLOWED OUTSIDE THESE DATES
- STAY ON ROUTES SHOWN ON USE MAPS
- ADMINISTRATIVE USE BY PERMIT
- TIMBER HARVEST ACTIVITIES ALLOWED
- PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK GATE
- Other messages as appropriate

INSERT F—Contact Message

- For further information, call (name) Ranger District at (phone number).
- For further information, contact the nearest Forest Service office.

INSERT G—Logos

Insert the FS shield and other agencies' logos or program logos as appropriate. All cooperative agencies should be shown. Logos all must be the same size.

Text layout—Travel management signs (FR5-11 and FR5-12c)**Dimensions (inches)**

Sign number	<i>H</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	Text height		Inset width	Traffic speed (<i>mph</i>)
						ASA Series C (upper case)	Border width		
FR5-11	18	18	3	7 ³ / ₄	12 ¹ / ₂	3	³ / ₈	³ / ₈	Up to 35
	30	30	4	12 ¹ / ₂	21	5	⁵ / ₈	¹ / ₂	40 and higher
FR5-12C	12	42	2 ¹ / ₄	6 ³ / ₄	—	3	³ / ₈	³ / ₈	Up to 35
	24	66	5	14	—	5	⁵ / ₈	¹ / ₂	40 and higher

Notes

Center each line of text on vertical centerline.

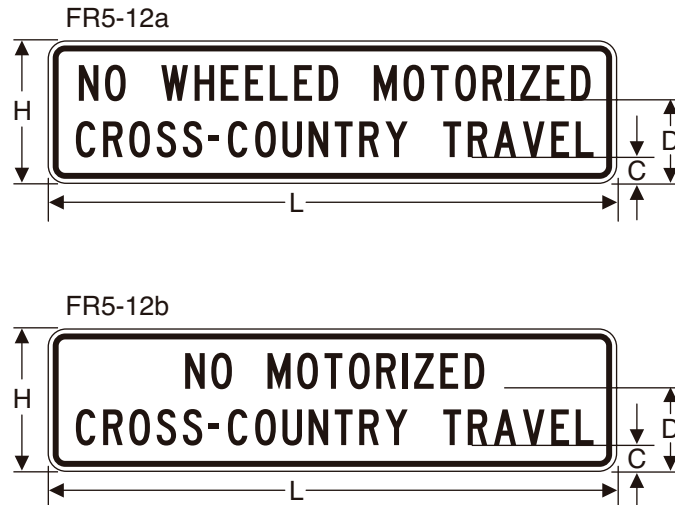
Colors

Black on retroreflective white.

References

For sign guidelines, see Chapters 3 and 6.

For panel construction, see Chapter 14.

Text layout—Travel management signs (FR5-12a and FR5-12b)**Dimensions (inches)**

Sign number	H	L	C	D	Text height ASA Series C (upper case)	Border width	Inset width	Traffic speed (<i>mph</i>)
FR5-12 a	12	48	2 1/4	6 3/4	3	3/8	3/8	Up to 35
and FR5-12b	24	78	5	14	5	5/8	1/2	40 and higher

Notes

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Colors

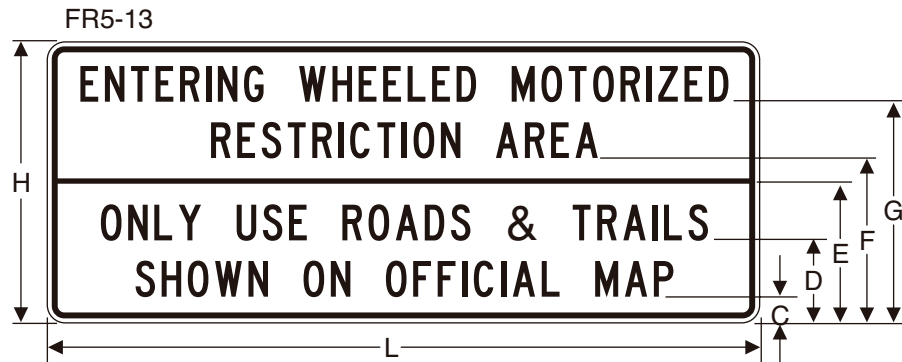
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Text layout—Travel management signs (FR5-13)



Dimensions (inches)

Sign number	H	L	C	D	E*	F	G	Text height ASA Series C (upper case)	Border width and separation line	Inset width	Traffic speed (mph)
FR5-13	24	60	2 1/2	7 1/2	12	13 1/2	18 1/2	3	3/8	3/8	Up to 35 40 and higher
	42	96	4	13	21	24	33	5	5/8	1/2	

Notes

Center each line of text on vertical centerline.

*Center of horizontal line.

Colors

Black on retroreflective white.

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