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# Gallatin National Forest News Release



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## Reminder – Food Storage Order in Effect on Gallatin Forest

Bozeman, MT... Visitors to the Gallatin National Forest are asked to remember that a forest-wide food storage order for all of the Gallatin National Forest is in affect. The forest-wide order went into effect in March 2007 and is designed to reduce adverse human-wildlife interactions, thereby promoting human safety and the protection of bears and other wildlife species. Portions of the Gallatin National Forest, primarily Hebgen Lake and Gardiner Ranger Districts on the southern end of the Forest, were previously covered by a food storage order.

“The food storage order focuses on reducing adverse conflicts between humans and wildlife,” said Marion Cherry, Gallatin Forest Wildlife Program Manager. “The order will be in effect from March 1 through December 1 on an annual basis.” The order requires that unattended food, refuse, and attractants be stored in hard-sided vehicles or bear-resistant containers (or hung above the ground out of the reach of wildlife) at **all** locations in the Gallatin National Forest. “The new, expanded order recognizes that undesirable human-wildlife interactions are occurring, and that the Forest has the responsibility to promote human safety and to ensure healthy, viable wildlife populations,” said Cherry. The order defines appropriate methods for acceptably storing and possessing food, refuse and other attractants, including animal carcasses (i.e., hard-sided vehicles, hanging from a tree, use of bear-resistant containers, and appropriate methods for burning garbage). Individuals who do not comply with the food storage order can be fined.

For further information about the Food Storage Order please contact your closest Gallatin National Forest office. Information can also be found on the Forest’s website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin>.

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