	Flathead National Forest	*Media Release*

Weekend Snowmobile Access Allowed in Westside Salvage Areas

Snowmobiling will be allowed on weekends beginning this weekend, Saturday, December 10, in the West Side Reservoir salvage area of the Flathead National Forest until further notice. The Westside Reservoir Road, Forest Road #895, will continue to be closed to wheeled motorized travel seven days a week and snowmobiles will be permitted on the road from midnight Fridays until midnight Sundays. Recreationists must park at the Hungry Horse Dam parking lot.   Other roads within the Westside salvage area will be closed, unless signed open .

Hungry Horse and Glacier View District Ranger Jimmy DeHerrera said, "The purchases of the various salvage sales in the westside area, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber, Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Incorporated and R and R Conner are adjusting their work schedules to accommodate recreation users. We appreciate their cooperative working relationship on this."

This access may change in the future due to salvage activity. Please contact the district office at 387-3800 for updated information.

Note: Forest roads closed in the North Fork area due to salvage activity include, but are not limited to, McGinnis Road, Forest Road #803 and Dupuy Creek Connector, Forest Road #5271. These roads are closed to all motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles. These roads will be plowed for salvage logging activities only. Please contact the district office at 387-3800 for more information.

Reminder: The Jewel Basin Hiking Area is closed to snowmobile use. Individual riders are responsible to know where they can snowmobile and be aware of their location. Areas, such as Wildcat Lake, Tongue Mountain and Blackfoot Lake, are clearly within the Jewel Basin Hiking Area and are closed to snowmobile use. Please be a responsible snowmobile rider and do not ride in closed areas! Maps and more information are available from the Forest Service, 387-3800.

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