



Flathead National Forest

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Dogs Welcome on Leashes at Big Mountain

The Flathead National Forest has recently issued a leash order for Big Mountain Resort Area, including all National Forest System lands, roads and trails on Big Mountain. Dogs are welcome on trails and roads, but must be on a leash within the ski area boundary. This is in effect year round.

The only exception to this order is on the Big Creek/Canyon Creek Road, Forest Road #316, running through the backside of the Big Mountain Resort Area, where dogs are allowed off a leash.

This order will help with the on-going situation with too many dogs running loose on the Danny On Trail and ski slopes causing a safety concern for people and wildlife. The Forest Service and Big Mountain have agreed that for public health and safety, in light of the increasing number of dogs, this action is appropriate. Violators can be fined \$100 - \$5000.

Visitors to the national forest and Big Mountain are reminded that dogs are not allowed on the chair lift or gondolas. If you hike up with your dog, you will not be allowed to ride the lift down with your dog.

If you have questions regarding this closure, please contact Recreation Resource Assistant Becky Smith-Powell or District Ranger Lisa Krueger at the Tally Lake Ranger District at 863-5400.

Dogs are also required to be on a leash in the Jewell Basin Hiking Area and at all developed recreation sites, such as campgrounds, picnic areas and river access sites on the Flathead National Forest.