



Flathead National Forest

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Soft Road Conditions Prompt Temporary Restrictions On Forest Service Roads

Warmer weather, snow melt and spring rains are creating soft road surfaces and spring “break up” conditions on many Flathead National Forest roads, prompting Ranger Districts to temporarily post roads closed or impose load limits. Over the next couple of months road managers will check road conditions and sign roads closed or assign a load limit depending on local conditions.

Road engineer Ken Meckel said “we really need the public to respect the spring break up restrictions. They are important to protect the road surface and ensure that the road drainage works properly.” Traveling on these soft road beds causes additional damage that could result in longer-term closures to fix the problems.

For updated information on temporary road restrictions, contact the individual Ranger Districts: Hungry Horse/Glacier View at 387-3800; Tally Lake at 863-5400; Swan Lake at 837-7500.

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