

SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURE VERBAGE

Some roads and trails on Helena National Forest have seasonal restrictions. Most seasonal restrictions are related to motorized use and are in-place for a variety of resource or safety reasons.

Spring restrictions may be in place to protect road or trail surfaces during spring breakup or may provide security for areas where wildlife frequently give birth to their young. Fall closures increase security for wildlife during hunting season while many winter restrictions are in place to reduce disturbance of wildlife on winter range. Some types of motorized uses are restricted during the winter because of a safety concern with mixing snowmobile and full-sized vehicle traffic. Other seasonal restrictions are in place to reduce the disturbance to threatened, endangered or sensitive species during a critical time of the year.

The Forest encourages visitors to purchase a current Forest Visitor's map and contact the ranger district that manages the area of interest and to find out more about seasonal closures that may be in effect.