

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
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Forest Supervisor's Order

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS
In the
Clancy-Unionville travel area

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) & (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Helena National Forest within the Clancy-Unionville Area (see Attachment "A", Clancy-Unionville Area Travel Restrictions Map, October 17, 2003) on lands that are administered by the Helena National Forest in Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties in Montana. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

The reasons for this closure are provided for in the Clancy-Unionville Project Record of Decision. In summary the decision is for resource protection to facilitate watershed improvements, to provide security for wildlife populations, to reduce the risk for spread and establishment of invasive weeds, to prevent soil erosion, and to provide a balance of motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities.

36 CFR 261.54 - National Forest System Roads

- (a) Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order

For the purpose of this order it is prohibited to use any type of motorized vehicle on National Forest System roads, except on the Designated Routes as identified on Attachment "B", hereby made part of this order.

36 CFR 261.55 - Forest Development Trails

- (b) Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order

For the purpose of this order it is prohibited to use any type of motorized vehicle on Forest Development Trails, except on the Designated Routes as identified on Attachment "C", hereby made part of this order.

36 CFR 261.56 - Use of vehicles off National Forest System Roads

For the purpose of this order it is prohibited to possess or use any type of motorized vehicle off the designated National Forest System roads or Forest Development Trails listed above, except for: a) traveling up to 300 feet off a designated route (as identified in Attachments "B" and "C") for the purpose of gathering firewood or camping; b) snowmobiles operating on snow in designated open snowmobile areas.

Within big game winter ranges (as generally described in Attachment "D" and shown on Attachment "A", map of restricted use), snowmobiles and all wheeled motorized vehicles are restricted to the designated routes shown in Attachments "B" and "C".

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following are exempt from this order:

1. Any person with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This order is in effect on September 29, 2006

Signed this 29TH day of SEPTEMBER 2006, Helena Montana



KEVIN T RIORDAN
Forest Supervisor
Helena National Forest

Penalty:

Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months imprisonment, or both. [16 V.S.C. 551, and 18 V.S.C. 3559 and 3571]

Notification:

Copies of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36CFR 261.51.

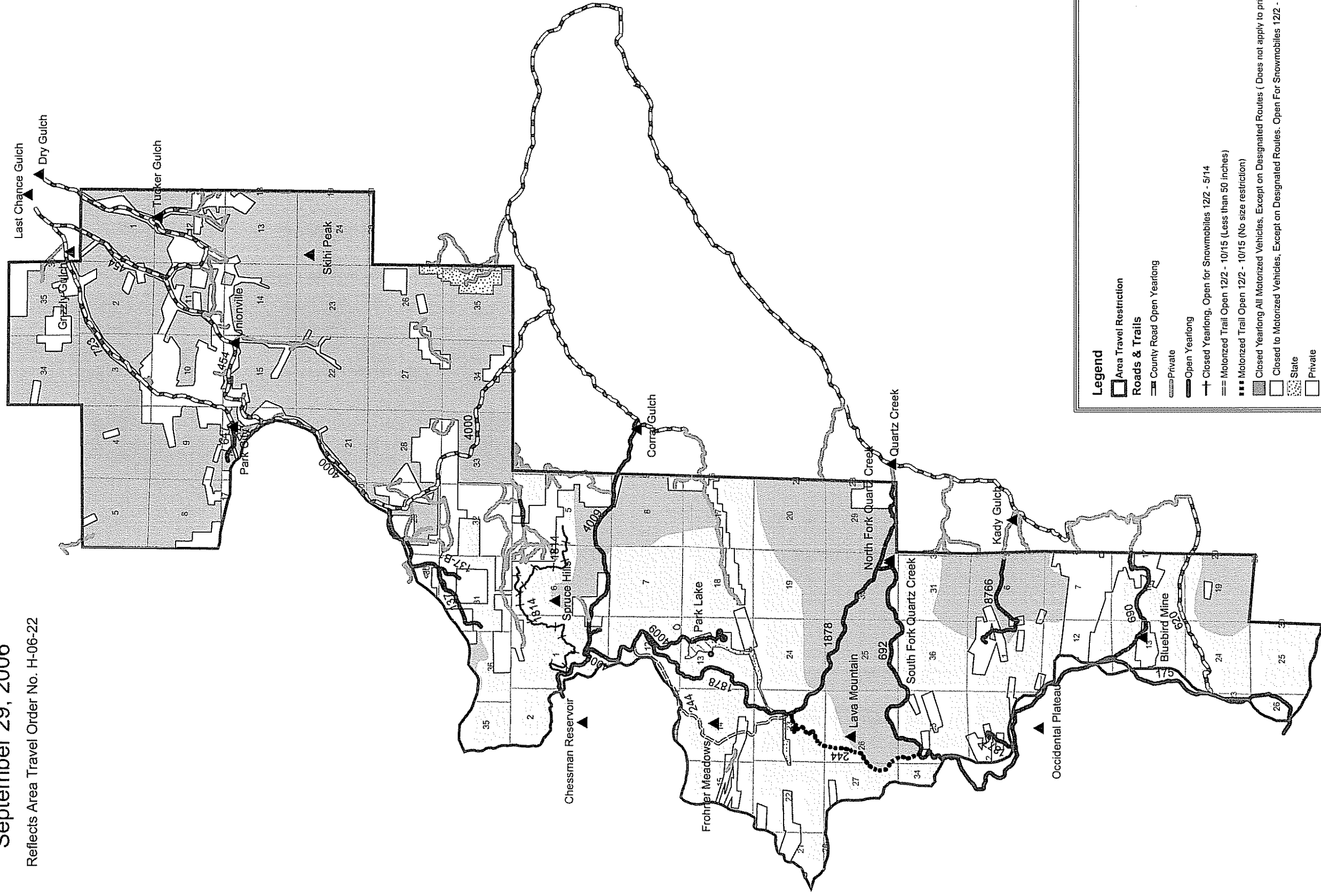
Definitions:

Motorized Vehicles - includes cars, trucks, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles which includes 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, and 6 wheelers, motorcycles and motorized bicycles, and means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle.

Camping - in accordance with the 36 CFR 261.2 definitions, camping means "the temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure", Camping equipment means "the personal property used in or suitable for camping, and includes any vehicle used for transportation and all equipment in possession of a person camping."

Attachment "A" Clancy-Unionville Area Travel Restriction September 29, 2006

Reflects Area Travel Order No. H-06-22



Legend

- Area Travel Restriction
- Roads & Trails
 - County Road Open Yearlong
 - Private
 - Open Yearlong
 - Closed Yearlong, Open for Snowmobiles 12/2 - 5/14
 - Motorized Trail Open 12/2 - 10/15 (Less than 50 inches)
 - Motorized Trail Open 12/2 - 10/15 (No size restriction)
 - Closed Yearlong All Motorized Vehicles, Except on Designated Routes (Does not apply to private lands)
 - Closed to Motorized Vehicles, Except on Designated Routes, Open For Snowmobiles 12/2 - 5/14
- State
- Private
- Water

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All travel management decisions apply only to federal lands within the project area boundary.

ATTACHMENT "B"

Designated Roads

- Park City Road #647
- North Fork Travis Creek Road #137
- Park Lake Road #4009
- Park Lake Campground Road #4015
- Chessman Road #299
- Spruce Hills Road #1814 (open 12/2 to 5/14; snowmobiles only)
- Kady Gulch Road #8766
- Occidental Plateau Road #175
- Telephone Road #1877
- Frohner Road #1878
- Frohner Meadow Road #1878-C1
- South Fork of Quartz Creek #692
- Road #690
- County Roads: Travis Creek #4000; Grizzly Gulch Road #723; Oro Fino Road #454; Dry Gulch Road; Tucker Gulch Road; Wood Chute Creek Road #620

ATTACHMENT “C”

Lava Mountain Trail # 244 – open from 12/2 to 10/15 to vehicles less than 50 inches in width from Lava Mountain Trailhead to intersection with Frohner Stub Road #1878-C1; open from 12/2 to 10/15 with no vehicle size restriction from the intersection with Frohner Stub Road #1878-C1 to intersection with South Fork of Quartz Creek Road #692.

ATTACHMENT "D"

To maintain integrity of winter game range for wildlife, the following six (6) area restrictions prohibit snowmobile travel in the Clancy-Unionville Area except on designated routes:

Helena-Buffalo Snowmobile Enclosure

Beginning at the SE corner of sec. 24 T9N, R4W; North 4 sections to the NE corner sec. 1 T9N, R4W; West to the NW corner sec. 1 T9N, R4W; North to the NE corner sec. 35 T10N, R4W; South to the SW corner sec 34 T10N, R4W; West 2 sections to NW corner sec 35 T10 N, R4W; South to the SW corner sec 34 T10N, R4W; West 2 sections to NW corner sec 5 T9N, R4W; South 2 sections to SW corner sec 8 T9N, R4W; Generally E.S.E. along FS trail No. 647 between Nelson Gulch Road and Park City Road to its' confluence with FS road #4000; Generally following FS road #4000 S and SW to its' junction with FS road #137 (N.Fork Travis); Generally W along FS road #137 to NW corner of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of sec 29 T9N, R4W. Following a private property/Forest Service Boundary. Southerly then Easterly then Southerly then Easterly in sec 29 of T9N, R4W. Then N, then E, then N, then E, then S, then E, then S, then E, then S along the Forest boundary in sec 28 of T9N, R4W. Continue S in sec 33 following the private and FS boundary then W to the W edge of sec 33 then S along the FS boundary to the SW corner of sec 33 T9N, R4W; East 3 sections to the SE corner of sec 35 of T9N, R4W; North along the FS boundary 2 sections to the SE ¼ of sec 23 T9N, R4W; East 1 section to the SE ¼ of sec 24 T9N, R4W and the point of origin of this description.

Black Hall Meadows Existing Enclosure

This decision retains the existing snowmobile closure for those lands in the vicinity of Black Hall Meadows which lie within the Clancy-Unionville boundary in sections 35 and 36 T9N, R5W; specifically being those lands in sections 35 and 36 from FS Routes #578 and 299-B1 (currently managed as non-motorized trails) north to the Clancy-Unionville Boundary.

Spruce Hills – Lump Snowmobile Enclosure

Beginning at the FS Administrative Boundary at the SE corner of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of sec 8, T8N, R4W; North along the E side of sec 8 to a private property boundary; then W.N.W. along the boundary of private and FS in sec 8 T8N, R4W. Then N crossing the Corral Gulch Road along a private and FS boundary line in the center of sec 5 T8N, R4W; then E, then N, then E, then N, to the top of an E-W ridge in the N ½ of the S ½ of sec 5 T8N, R4W; then generally follow the ridgeline W 1 ¼ miles to the Spruce Hills in the center of the S ½ of sec 6 T8N, R4W; then N along a ridgeline to the top of the most N. Spruce Hills (approx 1 mile); then generally SW to private and FS boundary line at the W edge of sec 6; then follow the private/FS boundary E, then S, then E, then S to the Corral Gulch Road in sec 6 of T8N, R4W; then generally SE to a powerline and the NW corner of sec 8, T8N, R4W; then S to the SW corner of the NW ¼ of sec 8, T8N, R4W; then generally SSE through sec 8 and to a point of private and FS boundary at the SW corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of sec 17, T8N, R4W; then within sec 17, T8N, R4W follow the private/FS boundary E, then N, then E, then N, then E, then N, into sec 8 at the SW corner of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of sec 8, T8N, R4W; then E for ¼ mile to the SE corner of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of sec 8, T8N, R4W and the point of origin of this description.

Quartz Creek Snowmobile Exclosure

Beginning at the SE corner of the NE ¼ of sec 29 T8N, R4W. North 1 1/2 mile to NE corner sec 20 T8N, R4W. From this point we follow geographically a ridge line sweeping SW for approx 1 ½ miles to a ridge line in the center of the SW ¼ of sec 19 T8N, R4W just N of FS road 1878 E1. Then W along an E-w ridge in sec 24, T8N, R5W then SW along a spur ridge crossing FS road 1878 at the confluence of 4 corners: sec 24 and 25 of T8N, R4W and 23 and 26 of T8N, R5W. Then proceeding up a spur ridge SW to the top of Lava Mountain in the NW ¼ of sec 26 of T8N, R5W. Along this ridge the exclosure is bounded by the Lava Mtn Trail passing into the SE ¼ of sec 27 T10N, R5W and joining the South Fork of Quartz Creek road (FS #692) in the NE ¼ of sec 35 T8N, R5W. The exclosure is then bounded on the S by FS road #692 as it proceeds easterly through sec 35 of T8N R5w and continues through the N1/2 of sec 36 of T8N, R4W. Road 692 terminates at its confluence with Road 1878 in the SE ¼ o sec 30 T8N, R4W. The exclosure boundary takes an arbitrary line SE from the afore mentioned junction to the SW corner of sec 29 T8N R4W and the Forest Administrative Boundary. Then # ½ mile to a private/FS boundary. Then N, then E, then N, then E (crossing road 692-A1), then S, then E all within sec 29 of T8N, R4W. This is the point of origin in this description at the SE corner of the NW ¼ of sec 29 T8N, R4W.

Kady Snowmobile Exclosure

The most NE boundary point begins along the E side of sec 31 T8N, R4W approximately .2 mile N of the Morgan Gulch Road. Then sweeps generally WNW for approx .8 miles to the top of a knoll in the NW ¼ of sec 31 T8N, R4W. Then SSW rather arbitrarily to a point in the NW ¼ of SE ¼ of sec 1 T7N, R5W. Then SE bordering the Kady Gulch Road (#8766) to the W border of sec 6 T7N, R4W. Then S to private/FS boundary between sec 12 of T7N, R5W and sec 7 of T7N, R4W. Then E along same private and FS boundary in sec 7 of T7N, R4W to the powerline. Then NE along powerline to a creek draining E in the NE ¼, NE ¼ sec 7 T7N, R4W. Then E ¼ mile to FS Administrative Boundary. Then N 1 ½ mile to the point of origin in this description at the E side of sec. 31 T8N, R4W approx. .2 mile N of the Morgan Gulch Road.

Wood Chute – McKenzie Snowmobile Exclosure

This exclosure generally excludes the McKenzie Bench from snowmobile use. It is described as follows: Begin at the East Administrative Boundary at a point between the NE and SE ¼'s of the NE ¼ of sec 19 T7N R4W. Generally proceed W 1 ¼ miles along a steep topography break to the N and a bench to the S. Follow this topographic break into the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of sec 24 T7N, R5W. Then E along section line and FS Administration Boundary (S edge of sec. 19) T7N, R4W. Then N along E side of sec. 19 T7N, R4W to point of origin for this description.

ORDER H-03-17

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RESCINDING ORDER

Forest Order H-03-17 dated October 17, 2003 and signed by Forest Supervisor Thomas J Clifford, is hereby rescinded, effective immediately upon signature. The order has been replaced by Forest Order H-06-22 dated September 29, 2006 and signed by Forest Supervisor Kevin T. Riordan.

Signed this 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2006, at Helena, Montana



Kevin T. Riordan
Forest Supervisor
Helena National Forest