
Livingston Ranger District News Release



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George Lake Trail Opens

The George Lake Trail will re-open on August 22, 2006. The trail was closed when the South Pine Fire was burning in the Paradise Valley.

Many area and trail closures for the Big Creek Fire are still in effect. The Forest is evaluating the potential of opening trails for the bow hunting season kick-off, but won't be prepared to make a decision until after the Labor Day weekend.

"The Big Creek Fire continues burning in the Needle Creek area. We don't want to put anyone at risk should the fire become active again," said Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger. "The decision to open the remaining trails really depends on the weather. We need more rain to contain the rest of this fire."

In the Big Creek Fire area the Dry Creek Trail and Eight Mile Trail remain closed. In addition, national forest system lands that are intermingled with private land from Eight-Mile Trail to Mill Fork Creek are under an area closure. The Lewis Creek Trail is now open.

"Before heading to this area to recreate or hunt we encourage people to contact us," stated Archuleta. The Livingston Ranger District can be reached at (406) 222-1892 and is located at 5242 Hwy. 89 South, Livingston, Montana.

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