
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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AREA CLOSURE – UPPER HYALITE AND BOZEMAN CREEK DRAINAGES

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED IN BOZEMAN
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8th, at 6:30 PM – HOLIDAY INN**

BOZEMAN, MT—

Due to continuing spot fire activity from the Big Creek fire into the upper East Fork Hyalite Creek drainage south of Bozeman, Gallatin National Forest officials will close to public use those National Forest lands located in an area that includes the upper Hyalite Creek drainage above Hyalite Reservoir and the upper Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek drainage above Mystic Lake, effective at **12:00 noon on Thursday, September 7th, 2006.**

Jose Castro, Bozeman District Ranger, said: “Given the current and forecasted very dry conditions, we are putting this closure into effect as a precautionary measure. “

The new area closure includes the Chisolm Campground, Palisade Falls area, Window Rock cabin, Mystic Lake cabin, Hyalite Youth Camp, East Fork Hyalite Trail #434, Hyalite Trail #427,, and all other Forest Service trails and roads located within the closed area. Maps of the closure area are available at the Bozeman Ranger District office and on the Forest website www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin.

Forest Service officials will hold a public informational meeting to discuss the overall fire situation on the Gallatin National Forest, including this area closure, on **Friday, September 8th, at 6:30 pm** at the Holiday Inn (MSU Room) on North 7th Avenue in Bozeman.



10 East Babcock Ave., PO Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59771
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin>

Under the new area closure, public access will still be available to most of the Hyalite Canyon, including Hyalite Reservoir, Langohr and Hood Creek Campgrounds and the Blackmore recreation area. Public access will also remain available to the lower portions of Bozeman Creek and New World Gulch. However, all open areas of the Gallatin National Forest remain under Stage 2 fire restrictions. Under those restrictions, no open flames are allowed and use of chainsaws or internal combustion engines are prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Smoking is only allowed in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or campground, or in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of flammable material.

For further information about the area closure in the upper Hyalite and Bozeman Creek drainages, please contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520.

