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Gallatin Forest Requests Input on Three Separate Proposals Relating to the Forest's Travel Plan

Bozeman, MT... The Gallatin National Forest is asking for public input on three separate proposals related to the Forest's Travel Management Plan Decision (12/2006).

The first proposal involves improvement and restoration work on the Forest road and trail system implements the decisions made in the Travel Plan. This proposal includes construction of new connector trails and other trail segments and reconstruction of some existing roads and trails, construction and reconstruction of trailheads and parking facilities, surfacing of high priority roads, culvert replacement for aquatic fish passage, and restoration and stabilization of certain excess roads. The second proposal is to modify the decision for the Gallatin National Forest Travel Management Plan to prohibit mountain bikes within the Lionhead recommended wilderness area in the Henry's Lake Mountains just west of Hebgen Lake. The area includes trails in the Mile Creek, Sheep Creek, Watkins Creek and Coffin Creek drainages. This area is currently prohibited to motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile use.

The third proposal is to modify the Travel Plan Decision to allow motorcycles from June 16th to December 1st (annually) on segments of the Lower Deer Creek Trail #5, the Lodgepole Trail #124, and the Dry Fork Trail #13 in the Deer Creeks and East Boulder River drainages southeast of Big Timber, Montana. This change is being proposed to make management of these trails consistent with selected management of the connecting Lodgepole Trail #22 and the Meyers Creek Trail #27 on the Custer National Forest in accordance with the recently released Record of Decision for the Beartooth Travel Management Plan.

Please submit input on these proposals by July 18th, 2008. For more information, visit the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/?page=projects or contact the Gallatin National Forest Supervisors Office at (406) 587-6701.



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