

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804

**SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS
CHAIN OF LAKES RECREATION AREA**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following are prohibited within the Chain of Lakes Recreation Area of the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, 261 Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

This order applies to the following areas:

- Developed Campgrounds: Big Larch, Seeley Lake, River Point, Lake Alva, Lakeside, Lake Inez, Lake Inez Point, Rainy Lake, Lake Elsin, Big Nelson.
- Developed Boat Launches: Seeley Lake, Big Larch, Lake Inez, Lake Alva
- Developed Trailheads: Seeley Creek Snowmobile/Musher Trailhead, Seeley Creek Cross Country Ski/Walking Trailhead, Clearwater Canoe Trailhead, West Side Trailhead, and Girard Grove Nature Trailhead.
- Dispersed Recreation Areas: Includes all other portions of the Chain of Lakes Recreation Area not within the developed campgrounds as shown on attached map. To include but not limited to: Secret Beach, West Fork Clearwater Camping Area, East Fork Morrell Creek Camping Area, North Rainy Lake Camping Area, Clearwater Lake Recreation Area, Cottonwood Lakes Recreation Area, Hidden Lake Recreation Area, Spook Lake Recreation Area
- Developed National Forest System Trails: Seeley Creek Cross Country Ski/Walking Trails, Big Larch Campground Nature Trail, Seeley Lake Ranger Station/Clearwater Canoe Nature Trail, Girard Grove Nature Trail.
- Restricted Firewood Cutting Area: This area is defined by all National Forest System lands:
 1. Between Boy Scout Road and the shore of Seeley Lake.
 2. Within ½ mile west of Boy Scout Road.
 3. Between Hwy. 83 and the Chain of Lakes and Clearwater River from the town of Seeley Lake to Summit Lake on Hwy. 83.

Prohibited Acts at Developed Campgrounds:

1. Occupancy by any individual or group, in any one area or campground, is limited to 14 consecutive days during any one-month period. For the purpose of this restriction, an area is defined as any given spot and the surrounding area for a radius of 5 miles. 36 CFR 261.58(a).
2. Persons and/or equipment such as trailers, campers, tents, teepees, etc., are subject to a 14-day occupancy limit. This limit applies even if the equipment is used by different individuals or groups. 36 CFR 261.58(d).
3. Having more than 10 people camped in one camping unit. 36 CFR 261.58(f).
4. Possessing, parking or leaving more vehicles than will fit within the confines of the designated parking spur. 36 CFR 261.58(i).
5. Operating a vehicle in excess of 15 m.p.h. in the campgrounds. 36 CFR 261.54(d).
6. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j).
7. Being in the area between 10 PM and 6 AM, except a person who is camping or who is visiting a person camping in that area. 36 CFR 261.58(u).
8. Possessing a beverage, which is defined as an “alcoholic beverage” by state law by individuals less than 21 years of age. 36 CFR 261.58(bb).
9. Reserving a campsite for someone not present in the campground by blocking the site with unauthorized camping equipment. 36 CFR 261.58(d).
10. Possessing any glass container on any beach or swimming area. 36 CFR 261.58(cc)
11. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire on any beach or swimming area. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
12. Felling any standing tree within a campground. 36 CFR 261.58(t)
13. Emptying of RV waste (grey water) holding tanks or sewage (black water) holding tanks anywhere in the campground other than approved disposal sites. 36 CFR 261.11(e)
14. Motorized vehicle use (except snowmobiles) is limited to system roads and trails that are designated “open” on the Lolo National Forest Travel Plan map. Off-road snowmobile use is allowed unless specifically restricted. 36 CFR 261.56.

Prohibited Acts at Developed Boat Launches:

1. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 CFR 261.58(g)
2. Loading or unloading any watercraft by using unnecessary, large amounts of thrust by the propeller or jet to remove it from or load it onto the trailer, to wit “power loading”. 36 CFR 261.9(a)
3. Storing or leaving any watercraft. 36 CFR 261.58(p)
4. Operating any watercraft in excess of posted speed limit. 36 CFR 261.58(q)
5. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j)

Prohibited Acts at Developed Trailheads:

1. Use of Seeley Creek Snowmobile/Musher site without reservation or permit while gate is closed. 36 CFR 261.58(b).
2. Overnight camping at all developed trailheads. 36 CFR 261.58(e).
3. Campfires at all developed trailheads. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
4. Possessing a dog on the Seeley Creek Ski trails during the winter ski-grooming period. 36 CFR 261.58(s).
5. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j)
6. Possessing a beverage, which is defined as an “alcoholic beverage” by State law by individuals less than 21 years of age. 36 CFR 261.58(bb).
7. Being at any developed trailhead between 10 PM and 6 AM. 36 CFR 261.58(u)
8. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun at any developed trailhead. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

Prohibited Acts on Developed National Forest System Trails:

1. Motorized vehicle use (except snowmobiles) is limited to system trails that are designated “open” on the Lolo National Forest Travel Plan map. Off-road snowmobile use is allowed unless specifically restricted. 36 CFR 261.56.

Prohibited Acts at Dispersed Recreation Areas:

1. Entering areas designated as “closed for loon nesting.” 36 CFR 261.53(a).
2. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j).
3. Using any site within the area by more than 20 people in one group without a permit from the Seeley Lake Ranger District. 36 CFR 261.58(f).
4. Motorized vehicle use (except snowmobiles) is limited to system roads and trails that are designated “open” on the Lolo National Forest Travel Plan map. Off-road snowmobile use is allowed unless specifically restricted. 36 CFR 261.56.
5. Being at Secret Beach between 10 PM and 6 AM. 36 CFR 261.58(u).
6. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire at Secret Beach. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
7. Bringing in or possessing an animal, other than a seeing eye dog at Secret Beach, unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash not longer than 6 feet, or otherwise under physical restrictive control. 36 CFR 261.14(j)
8. Possessing a beverage, which is defined as an “alcoholic beverage” by State law by individuals less than 21 years of age. 36 CFR 261.58(bb).
9. Occupancy by any individual or group, in any one area, is limited to 14 consecutive days during any one-month period. For the purpose of this restriction, an area is defined as any given spot and the surrounding area for a radius of 5 miles. 36 CFR 261.58(a).
10. Persons and/or equipment such as trailers, campers, tents, teepees, etc., are subject to a 14-day occupancy limit. This limit applies even if different individuals or groups use the equipment. 36 CFR 261.58(d).

Prohibited Acts in the “No Firewood Cutting” Area:

Cutting of firewood. 36 CFR 261.6(a). Except cutting of wood for campfires within developed recreation sites. This wood must be dead and down, less than 12 inches in diameter and just be used within the campground.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a permit issued by a Forest Officer. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(1).

2. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(4).

Signed in Missoula, Montana this 4th day of January 2006.

for /s/ Gary Garthwait
DEBORAH L.R. AUSTIN
Forest Supervisor
Lolo National Forest

Penalty:

Violations of these restrictions are punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 or imprisonment for up to six months or both (18 USC, Omnibus Crime Control Act).

Notification:

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