

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804

Special Restrictions
Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness
And
Adjacent lands

Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest
Missoula County, Montana

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area , Wilderness and adjacent lands of the Missoula Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest, Missoula County, 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 revoked. **This order supersedes the order of April 16, 2006.**

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire

The following are prohibited:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within the South Zone (Exhibit A) (36 CFR 261.52(a)).

36 CFR 261.54 – National Forest System Roads

Using any type of vehicle or vehicle traffic prohibited by the order.

1. All motorized vehicles are prohibited except for the Mineral Peak Road #2120 which is open to all vehicle use. The Sawmill Gulch Road #1136 is open for motorized vehicle use from Rattlesnake Drive to the gate located on the south line of Section 27, T.14 N., R.19 W., P.M.M. (this road segment is under Missoula County jurisdiction) [Title 36, CFR 261.54(a)or(b)].
2. Possessing or using a saddle, pack or draft animal on the following road segment: Rattlesnake Creek Road 99 / Trail 515, between the main Rattlesnake Trailhead (NW1/4 SE1/4 Sec 35, T14N, R19W, P.M.M.) and the junction of Spring Gulch Trail No. 517 and Rattlesnake Cr. Rd. 99/ Trail 515 (36 CFR 261.54 (b)).
3. Using any vehicle, including bicycles, in excess of the posted speed (36CFR 261.54(d)).

4. Using a bicycle on *the segment of Rd. No. 53413 north of its junction with the Three Larches Tr. No. 513.1 located in Sec. 31, T 14 N, R 18 W, PMM (36 CFR 261.54(a)).*
5. Operating a vehicle, including bicycles, carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property (36 CFR 261.54(f)).

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest System Trails

The following are prohibited on National Forest System trails:

1. Using any motorized vehicle on the trails-[Title 36, CFR 261.55(b)]
2. Using a bicycle on:
 - *The segment of Trail No. 517 from the Horse Trailhead to Rattlesnake Road No. 99/ Trail 515 (36 CFR 261.55(b)).*
 - *The following trails north of the horse bridge on Tr. No. 517, east of Rattlesnake Rd. 99/ Trail 515, west of Rattlesnake Cr and south of the junction of Tr. No. 29.2 and Rd. 99/Tr. No. 515: 515.1, 515.2, 515.3, 515.4, 515.5, 515.6 (36 CFR 261.55(b)).*
3. Possessing or using a saddle, pack or draft animal on the following trails or trail segments (36 CFR 261.55(c)):
 - Twin Lakes Trail #330
 - Boulder Lake Trail #333 segment from junction with Tr. 504 to Boulder Lake only
 - Glacier Lake Trail #327
 - Fly Lake Trail #336

36 CFR 261.56 – Use of Vehicles Off National Forest System Roads

1. Possessing or using a motorized vehicle for cross-country travel or off National Forest System roads (36 CFR 261.56), except that over-snow vehicles are permitted in the Shoofly Meadow-Mineral Peak area.

36 CFR 261.57 – National Forest Wilderness

The following are prohibited in the described area:

1. Grazing of stock without providing for and using supplemental feed (36 CFR 261.57(e)) due to limited availability of natural forage.
2. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, bicycle or other vehicle in the Rattlesnake Wilderness (36 CFR 261.57(h)).

36 CFR 261.58 – Occupancy and Use

The following are prohibited in the described area:

1. Overnight camping within the South Zone (Exhibit A) (36 CFR 261.58(e)).
2. Exceeding party size of ten (10) horses and/or ten (10) people in the Rattlesnake Wilderness (36 CFR 261.58(f)).
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle within the Rattlesnake Horse Trailhead in violation of posted instructions (36 CFR 261.58(g)).
4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun within the South Zone (Exhibit A) (36 CFR 261.58(m)).
5. Possessing, transporting or allowing any dog in closed areas of the RNRAW or bringing in or possessing a dog, other than a seeing eye dog, unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash not longer than six feet, or otherwise under physical restrictive control in areas where special restrictions apply as described below (36 CFR 261.16(j) and/or 36 CFR 261.58(s)):

Sawmill and Curry Gulches:

- Closed year round to dogs

Rattlesnake Creek:

- December 1 through February 28: closed to dogs from the southern RNRAW boundary to Mile Post 1.7
- March 1 through November 30: leashed (6' maximum) dogs permitted from the southern RNRAW boundary to Mile Post 1.7 (see **NOTE** below)

Spring Gulch:

- December 1 through May 15: entire drainage closed to dogs
- May 16 through November 30: leashed (6' maximum) dogs permitted from confluence with Rattlesnake Creek to Mile Post 1.3 (see **NOTE** below)

Ravine Trail No. 34:

- Year round: Dogs must be leashed (6' maximum) between the parking lot and the first switchback in the trail, about one-quarter mile.

Remaining RNRAW area:

- No physical restraints required on dogs

NOTE: The Mile Posts noted are measured from the Main Rattlesnake Trailhead located in the SE1/4 Section 35, T14N, R19W, P.M.M.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

- The Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness (RNRAW),
- 320 acres in Sawmill Gulch: W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 27 (80 acres) and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 14 N., R. 19 W. PMM (240 acres),
- 320 acres in Grant Creek (including Ravine Gulch): SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 15 (200 acres) and SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 22 (120 acres), T. 14 N., R.19 W. PMM.
- About 580 acres in Woods Gulch: (excluding a portion of SE 1/4) Sec. 31, T. 14 N. R. 18 W. PMM.
- About 140 acres in and north of Danny O'Brien Gulch on Mount Jumbo: NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 13 N., R. 19 W. ; SW1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 1, NE 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW1/4 Sec. 1, T. 13 N., R. 19 W. PMM.
- See Map (Exhibit A) which is attached and hereby made a part of this order.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (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 (36CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

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Lolo National Forest

Date

Penalty:

Violations of these restrictions are punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (16 USC 551).

Notification:

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