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## Cooperation Needed from Skiers, Hikers, and Snowboarders at the Whitefish Mountain Resort

All skiers, snowboarders and other visitors to National Forest System Land at the Whitefish Mountain Resort are reminded that all dogs are required to be leashed. The Tally Lake District of the Flathead National Forest, in cooperation with Whitefish Mountain Resort, wants to provide a safe and enjoyable visit. Dogs running loose are a health and safety problem that can be solved by dog owners leashing their pets throughout their visit.

"The National Forest lands at Whitefish Mountain Resort provide a great place to enjoy spring hiking, skiing, and snow boarding, however dogs must be on a leash and under physical restrictive control by the owner at all times," said Tally Lake District Recreation Resource Assistant Becky Smith-Powell. Violators may be fined \$75.00 up to \$5000. Smith-Powell continued, "We ask that everyone visiting the resort take responsibility and leash their dog."

For more information about this leash restriction contact Becky Smith-Powell at Tally Lake District at 758-3538.

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