

## **Flathead National Forest**

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Link Lake Road on Flathead National Forest Closed for Road Work, Limits Trail Access

Link Lake Road, Forest Road #589, on the Flathead National Forest is closed through mid-August for road maintenance work. The road is located northwest of Whitefish, in the Red Meadows area and will close access to the Link, Chain and Nasakoin Trails, and the northern portion of the Whitefish Divide Trail.

The road work includes installation of new drainage features (drain dips and culverts) and reconditioning the existing road surface. The Flathead National Forest is working in partnership with the Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee to accomplish this work. Prior to this work, road access has been poor and limited to high clearance vehicles. Installation of drain dips and culverts will improve erosion conditions and trout habitat.

The Flathead County **Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**, established by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, allocated funds for this project. Each year the committee allocates funds to projects on federal and non-federal lands that benefit resources on the Flathead National Forest.

For more information about the Link Lake Road closure, contact the Forest Service at 387-3800. For more information about the Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee, contact 758-5252.