



Flathead National Forest

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Public Asked to Respect Public Lands and Wildlife

Krause Basin, located south of Strawberry Lake near the Jewel Basin Hiking Area on the Flathead National Forest, has been closed for many years to motorized vehicles on or off roads or trails from September 1 to November 30 of each year. This closure is to provide wildlife security during the hunting season. Motorized use is also prohibited in this area from April 1 to June 30 of each year to provide wildlife security during the spring when bears are emerging from their dens.

Earlier this fall, three individuals were issued citations for using motorcycles and an ATV within the Krause Basin motorized closure area. The three individuals were encountered during a routine Forest Service patrol of the area.

Swan Lake District Ranger Steve Brady emphasized that violators of road, trail and area closures harm the resource, as well as lower the public perception and acceptance of their sport.

During hunting season, more seasonal road and area closures are in effect on the national forest to provide quality hunting experiences. The public is asked to report violations of road, trail or gate closures to any Forest Service Office.

Violations of fish, wildlife or parks regulations can be reported at toll-free 1-800 TIP – MONT. The program offers rewards for information resulting in apprehension of persons that abuse Montana's natural, historic or cultural resources.

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