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# Gallatin National Forest News Release



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## **Hyalite Road Closing April 1 To Motorized Use for Spring Break-up Other Forest Roads Wet and Muddy**

Gallatin National Forest... The Gallatin National Forest reminds recreationists that Hyalite Road will be closed April 1 – May 15 to motorized use during the spring break-up period to address user safety concerns caused by debris falling onto the road. Other roads and trails across the Forest are experiencing wet and muddy conditions during this time of year.

“We are looking forward to non-motorized recreationists being able to use the Hyalite corridor during this time. It’s a great opportunity for biking, walking, roller-blading and other non-motorized opportunities,” said Jose Castro, Bozeman District Ranger.

Breakup happens during the spring when thawing occurs. The road sub-grade thaws and becomes saturated to the point that it can’t support the road-bed and the large amount of vehicle traffic that uses it. Impacts to the road surface, including surface cracking and potholes, are highly likely when motorized use occurs during spring thaw. During springtime, rocks and debris fall onto the road causing user safety concerns. Recreationists are reminded to remain aware of their surroundings while they enjoy the canyon. Crews may be present in the canyon cleaning debris from the road as these conditions occur.

During this time of year, many roads and trails are wet and muddy. Driving on them during these periods can cause severe rutting and impact the road surface. Please use caution and common sense when determining whether or not to use a road or trail in this condition.

For information about road and trail conditions please contact the Forest Service office near you or visit us online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>.

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