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Avalanche Advisories, Trail Grooming Ends for Season

Missoula, MT. – The West Central Avalanche Center posted its last avalanche advisory for the season on April 3, and snowmobile grooming by local clubs across the forest has also come to an end for the 2008/2009 winter.

According to recreation specialists with the Lolo National Forest good snow levels remains in the high country for skiers and snowmobilers and the public can still contact their local Forest Service district office for information on conditions.

But snowmobile trail grooming on the Missoula, Seeley Lake, and Superior Ranger Districts on the Lolo National Forest -- and the Powell District on the Clearwater National Forest -- has ended for the season. Roads that were closed to wheeled traffic during the grooming season may again be open in some locations.

Recreation specialists are also advising snowmobilers to stay alert for closed gates, wheeled vehicles and poor trail conditions due to melting snow. In some cases melting snow may produce soft, muddy roadbeds. While these conditions exist, roads may be closed to prevent damage and reduce road maintenance costs.

Visitors should review Forest Travel Plan maps for open road status, or call your local Ranger District for specific information.

Missoula Ranger District, (406) 329-3814

Superior Ranger District, (406) 822-4233

Seeley Lake Ranger District, (406) 677-2233

Powell Ranger District, (208) 942-3113

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