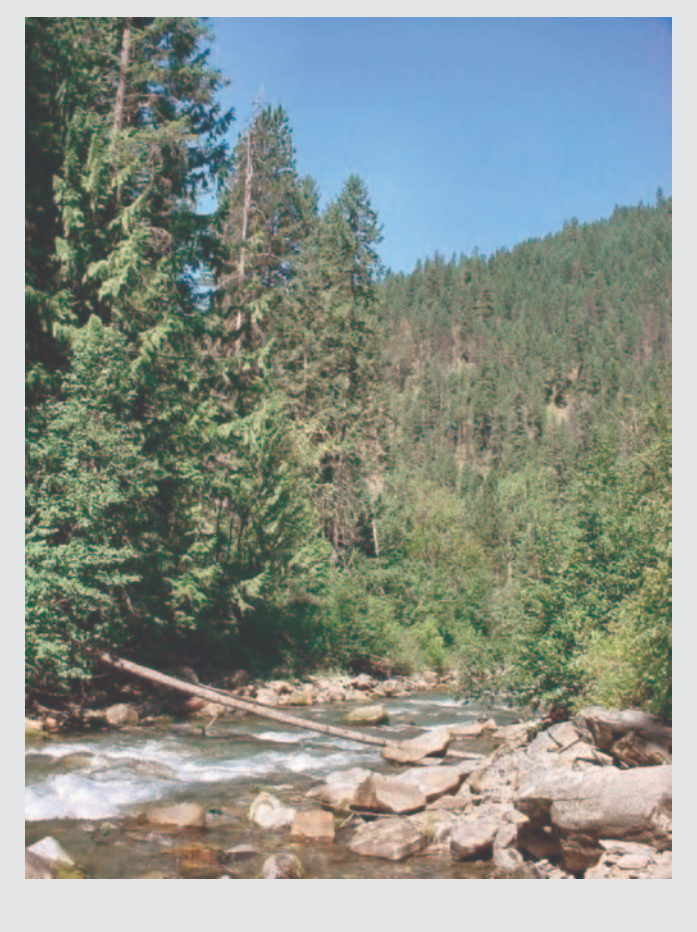


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 Ranger District**



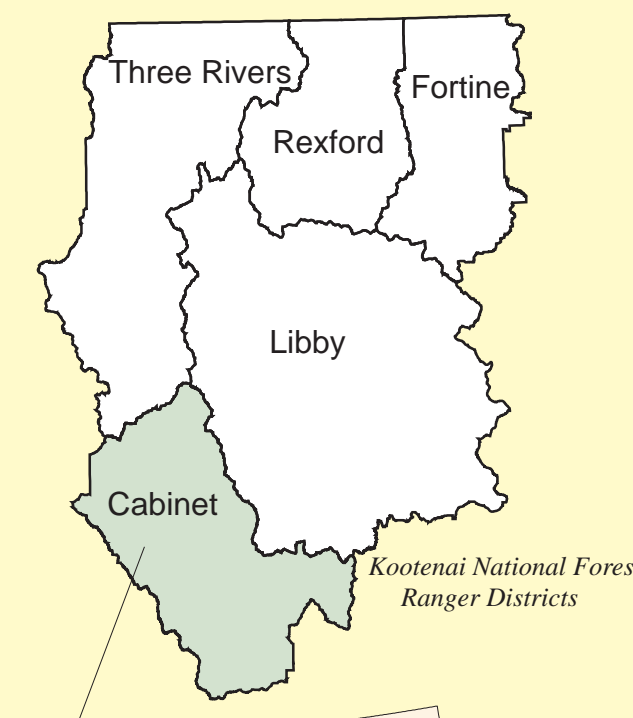
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**MONTANA**



**Legend**

- FS Campground
  - FS Picnic Area
  - Non-FS Picnic Area
  - Non-FS Campground
  - Point of Interest
  - Lookout
  - Rental Lookout
  - Rental Cabin
  - Ranger District Office
  - Latitude/Longitude Grid
  - State Line
  - County Line
  - Ranger District Boundary
  - State Highway
  - County Road
  - Private Road within District Boundary or any roads on adjacent Forest
  - Trails
  - Contour Interval 200 feet
  - Lands Administered by the Kootenai National Forest
  - State Lands
  - Adjacent Lands Ownership not defined
- Roads typically open to all vehicles. May be seasonally impassable due to weather and road conditions. Not necessarily passable to conventional passenger vehicles.
- Roads seasonally restricted. See back of map for dates of restriction.
- Roads restricted yearlong to motor vehicles, open to snow vehicles December 1 through April 30.
- Roads restricted yearlong to motor vehicles, including snow vehicles.
- Trails within lake basins closed to stock use.
- Area restricted to all motorized vehicles yearlong including over the snow vehicles.
- Wilderness lands closed yearlong to motorized vehicles, mechanized equipment and bicycles.

This map is made to assist you in accessing your National Forest Lands. There are a number of reasons some forms of travel are restricted within the National Forest.

In some specific instances, certain types of travel are restricted to insure your safety. Even on open roads, drivers should be cautious of narrow, winding roadway and heavy truck traffic.

Many of these management decisions were developed in cooperation with State of Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department, primarily to protect wildlife habitat and provide security. Use of roads is also restricted to protect soil and water quality, and provide non-motorized recreation opportunities.

Roads with travel restrictions shown on this map will be signed or physically closed in some way (gates, earth barriers, etc.). You are responsible for complying with these signs and closures and any others you find in the field, which may not appear on this map.

For various reasons access conditions may change during the year. To assure you have the most current information please contact the Cabinet Ranger District at (406) 827-3533.

Failure to comply with these restrictions and regulations is in violation of the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations, title 36 CFR 261.50(b).

To report fish and game violations, call TURN IN POACHERS at 1-800-TIP-MONT (847-6668) 24 hours a day, or contact your local warden or Sheriff's Office.

Roads are an important tool in National Forest resource management. Please help us to manage wisely and enjoy traveling in your National Forest.

For complete listing of closures, contact the local Ranger District or the Supervisor's Office.

*Julie Malajun*  
 District Ranger

Due to past flood damage, all roads marked as open on the map may not be drivable. Forest users are advised to check on status of roads at the Cabinet Ranger Station.

Cross-country travel by motorized wheeled vehicles is prohibited yearlong on all lands in Montana administered by the Forest Service. Please stay on existing travel routes. Existing local road, trail, and area restrictions apply. The purpose is to protect riparian areas, wetlands, crucial wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered species, soils and vegetation, aquatic and cultural resources, and to reduce user conflicts.

The following exceptions apply unless currently restricted. Cross-country travel to a campsite within 300 feet of a road or trail is permitted by the most direct route causing the least damage. Site selection must be completed by non-motorized means.

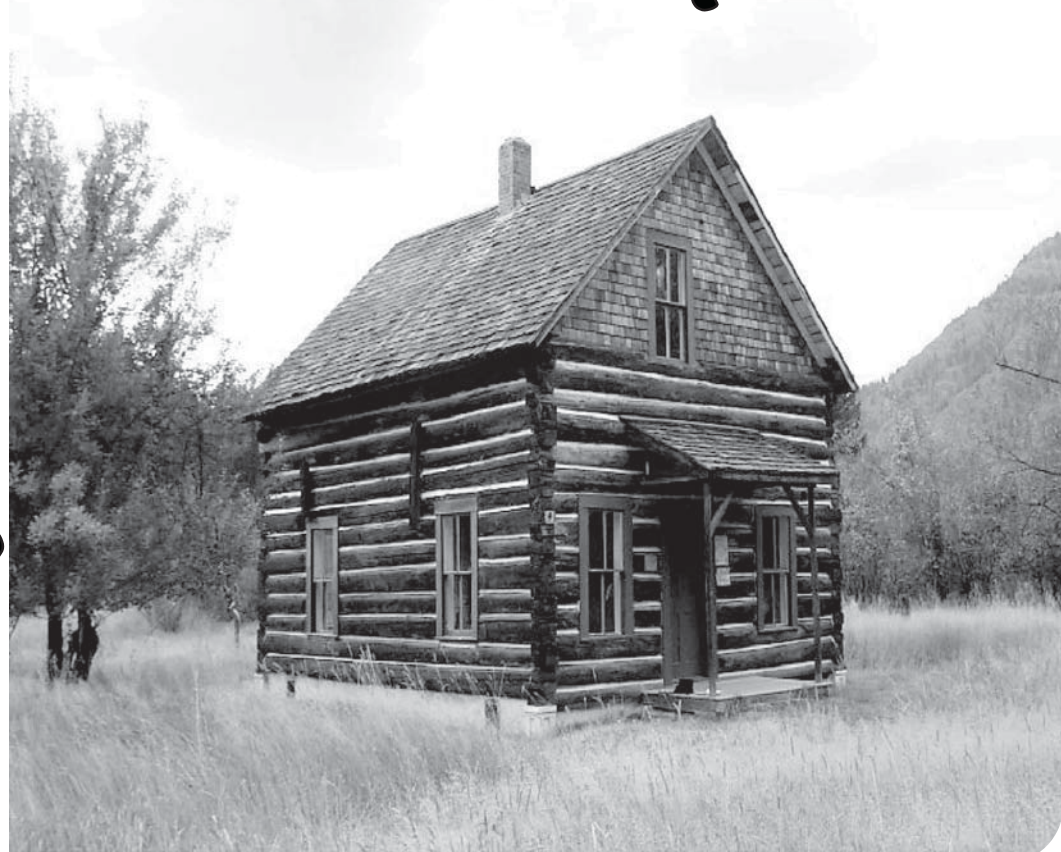
Refer to Off Highway Vehicles Record of Decision Dated 1/2001.

This map becomes effective on September 1, 2006 and will remain in effect until it is superseded by a new map. Please check with the appropriate local Forest Service office to ensure that your map is the most current one in effect.

This map was generated from electronic data files (GIS coverages) which were scanned or digitized from information compiled at 1:24,000 scale. The data on this map is based on the accuracy and precision of the 1:24,000 USGS quad maps, and 10-meter resolution satellite imagery, which were used to generate or rectify map data. This map is to be used as a reference only, and is not intended for use in site-specific planning. The information on this map is subject to revision as field data and technical processes improve.

Scale: 1:100,000





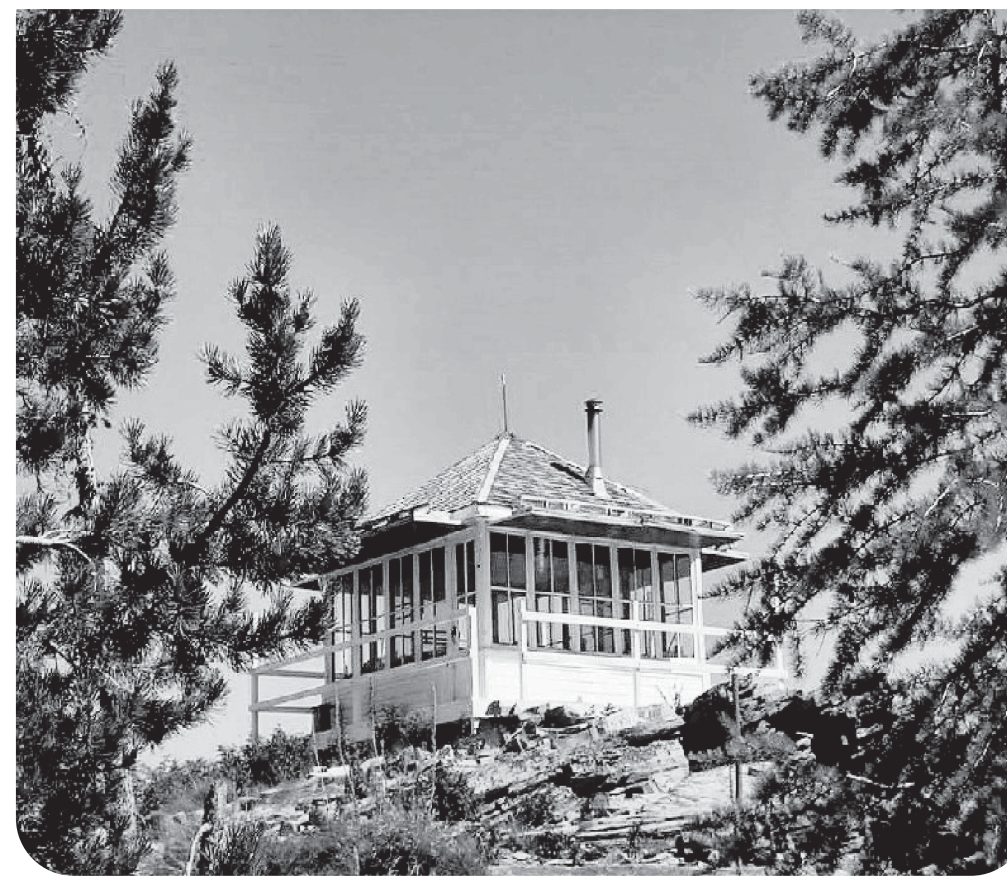
Bull River Ranger Station

The Bull River Ranger Station was constructed in 1908 by Granville "Granny" Gordon, the first ranger of the Noxon District of the Cabinet National Forest. He and his family lived in the house until he resigned from the Forest Service in 1920. From the 1960s to 1973, Bull River Ranger Station was used as a guard station. During 2004, the building was completely restored to its original design. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and can be rented by the public.



Gem Peak Lookout

Gem Peak Lookout was originally built in the late 1920s. During the 1960s it was replaced with a lookout on top of a thirty-foot tower. It was last used as a lookout in the 1970s and is currently part of the rental program.



Sex Peak Lookout

The original Sex Peak Lookout was built in the early 1920s and rebuilt in the 1940s. It is located at an elevation of 5,798 feet and offers an excellent view of the Clark Fork Valley. The lookout is part of the rental program.

POINTS OF INTEREST

BULL RIVER RANGER STATION

This structure was built in 1907 by Granville "Granny" Gordon, who was appointed the first ranger on the old Cabinet National Forest by President Theodore Roosevelt. The station is among the oldest buildings still standing in the area and is in the process of being restored.

VERMILION FALLS

Created from erosion by the Vermilion River, the cascading waterfall should not be missed. Take the Blue Slide Road off Highway 200 in Trout Creek and follow this to Vermilion Road. About 10 miles further you'll find the falls and a viewpoint within a couple hundred yards off the road.

HIGH PEAKS VISTA

This viewpoint located along the Bull River Highway looks into the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. From there you can pick out Little Ibb, Snowshoe, Lenz and Scotty Peak. Take Highway 200 west from the Cabinet Ranger Station to Highway 56 and travel about 14 miles north to the signed viewpoint.

NOXON RAPIDS DAM

Built by Washington Water Power in 1959, this dam is located on the Clark Fork River about two miles from Noxon. Noxon Rapids is 700 feet wide at the base with a 150 mile shoreline and 8,650 acres of surface area. The Scenic viewpoint for this dam is about 11 miles west of Trout Creek off Highway 200. Follow the signs.

CABINET GORGE DAM

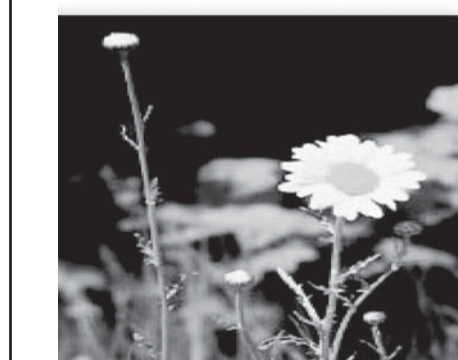
Also owned by Washington Water Power and located on the Clark Fork River, this dam is just one-half mile west of the Montana state line. Built in 1952, Cabinet Gorge holds back about 22 miles of water and the viewpoint is accessible from Highway 200.



Rush Skeleton Weed



Orange Hawkweed



Oxeye Daisy

Why Are Noxious Weeds a Problem?

Noxious weeds degrade the environment and wildlife habitat by reducing native forage and other native plants. They also can increase soil erosion and lower water quality. Although many weeds are pretty, their negative effects on the environment and the economy are substantial. Because most noxious weeds have come from other countries, there are few, if any, natural controls to keep weed populations from taking over once they get established.

So what can you do to reduce the spread of weeds?

- 1) Keep your vehicle and recreation gear clean of weeds and seeds.
2) Don't drive through or park in weed patches. Weeds or their seeds can get caught in the undercarriage, grill, bumper or tires and transported to new locations.
3) Don't take vehicles behind locked gates, or off-road (this is illegal, too).
4) Use weed seed free feed for your stock.
5) Don't pick off weed seeds off your clothes or pets and throw them on the ground. Dispose of them properly.
6) Don't pick weed "bouquets" and take them home or to your campsite.

Your help is appreciated!

For more information contact: Cabinet Noxious Weeds Specialist (406) 287-2462



Common Houndstongue



Common Tansy



Dalmatian Toadflax

Smokey Says

NEVER leave your CAMPFIRE Unattended. Make sure it is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

Please remember a SHOVEL and BUCKET are REQUIRED when Using a CAMPFIRE.

Help Prevent Wildfires

Table with 3 columns: MONTH, BURNING RESTRICTIONS, COMMENTS. Rows include months like December, March, May, July, and October with corresponding burning rules.



Kootenai National Forest 1101 US Hwy 2 West Libby, MT 59923 Travel Management

Travel Management on the Kootenai National Forest is managed following a wide range of laws and regulations. Each District on the Forest has a travel management plan which is evaluated each year.

In order to better serve your interests you will notice the maps this year have been greatly improved. However we have only listed the seasonally restricted roads along with trails restricted to motorized use.

Each Travel management order includes 4 portions. The Order itself along with 3 attachments:

Attachment A: Roads 36 CFR 261.54 - NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [36 CFR 261.54(a)] includes the entire list of road closures. Each road number will also include a closure code which explains the dates which the road is unavailable for motorized travel

Attachment B: Trails 36 CFR 261.55 - NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [36 CFR 261.55(b)] includes the trails which are closed to motorized use.

Attachment C: AREAS 36 CFR 261.56 - USE OF VEHICLES OFF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS.

When provided by an order, it is prohibited to possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System Roads. [36 CFR 261.56] lists the specific areas which may be closed to motorized use. NON MOTORIZED TRAVEL IS WELCOME

Each district may list certain exemptions to the order, such as for firefighting, Search and Rescue, and Law Enforcement. Limits are placed on Administrative Use by Forest Service work crews. Specific permission is required for each entry and values such as protection of animals, habitat, and cost to taxpayers of hiking people into an area are evaluated.

Thank you for visiting our National Forests.

Paul Bradford Forest Supervisor Kootenai National Forest

Trails with travel restrictions to motorized vehicles for the Cabinet Ranger District

Table with 5 columns: Trail Name, Trail Number, Legal Description, Restricted Code, Restricted Portion. Lists various trails and their associated restrictions.

Trails within Lake Basins Closed to Stock Use

Table with 3 columns: Trail Name, Trail Number, Legal Description. Lists trails like St. Paul Lake Trail and Wanless Lake.

\* (NRT) National Recreation Trail

RESTRICTION CODES

- 09 Restricted yearlong to motor vehicles, open to snow vehicles December 1 through April 30.
05 Restricted yearlong to motor vehicles, including snow vehicles.

RECOMMENDED FOOD STORAGE GUIDELINES.

- 1. Human, pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), garbage, and other attractants should be attended or stored in bear-resistant manner.
2. Wildlife carcasses, birds, fish or other animal parts that are within 1/2 mile of any camp or sleeping area should be stored in a bear-resistant manner during nighttime hours.
3. Attractants (such as food leftovers or bacon grease) should not be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campsite.
4. The responsible party should report the death and location of any livestock to a Forest Service Official within 24 hours of death.
5. Bear-resistant containers meet the following criteria: A securable container constructed of solid material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. Attended: At least one adult person (attendee) is physically present within 100 feet of attractants during daytime hours.
2. Attractant: Food as defined below and garbage from human, livestock or pet foods.
3. Food: Any nourishing substance, which includes human food or drink (canned, solid or liquid), livestock feed (except baled or cubed hay without additives) and pet food.
4. Attendee: An adult (18 years or older) in control of attractants.
5. Bear-resistant container: A securable container constructed of solid material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact.
6. Bear-resistant manner means any food items, including canned food, garbage, and livestock feed, should be stored in one of the following ways if unattended:



BE BEAR AWARE

Your National Forest is home to black and grizzly bears. Following these rules will help you and future visitors to be safe, while avoiding the need to destroy bears that become a nuisance or dangerous due to unsafe human behaviors.

For more detailed information and requirements, contact the nearest Forest Service Office. Additional information is also available at these internet sites: http://www.bebearaware.org http://www.lhwf.org http://www.bearaware.bc.ca

The Kootenai Forest has eleven cabin and lookout rentals, four group day use sites and two campgrounds that can be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS). These can be reserved online through www.nrrs.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Rexford District, 406-296-2536 - McGuire Mountain and Webb Mountain Lookouts and some camping sites at Rexford Bench Campground.

Fortine District, 406-882-4451 - Wam Mountain Lookout, south Dickey Lake Group Site, and some camping sites at North Dickey Lake Campground.

Three Rivers District, 406-295-4493 - Yaak Mountain, Garver Mountain, and Baldy-Buckhorn Lookouts, Upper Ford Ranger Station, and Yaak River Group Site.

Libby District, 406-293-777 - Big Creek Baldy Lookout, Timberlane Campground and Group Site, and McGillivray Group Site.

Cabinet District, 406-827-3533 - Gem Peak and Sex Peak Lookouts and Bull River Guard Station.

Table with 3 columns: Road Number, Road Name, Closure Date Codes. Lists roads like Stevens Ridge, Six Ridge, Larch Point, etc. and their closure dates.