Motor Vehicle Use

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on Forest System Lands other than in accordance with their designation. All motorized travel on the Custer Gallatin National forest is restricted to legally designated routes.

This map was designed to be used in conjunction with the Custer Gallatin National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps and the Gallatin National Forest Central topographic map. Those maps can be found at district offices and is available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/t1/gallatin/.

Over Snow Vehicle Use

Areas open to over snow vehicles on the Custer Gallatin National Forest are limited to snowmobiles. A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehicle 50 inches or less in width, designated for use over snow, runs on a track and uses one or more skis for steering. All other over-snow vehicles are prohibited year-long.

Some areas of the Custer Gallatin National Forest are closed to Over Snow Vehicles yearlong. This includes the Wilderness which does not allow any motorized equipment. See the Custer Gallatin National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use Map for complete details showing open and restricted areas.

Beattie Gulch

Refer to the Beattie Gulch map insert for details on the special management of this area.

Shooting Regulations

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: (1) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, (2) across or on a National Forest System road, or trail, or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge, or (3) into or within any cave.

A Note From the District Ranger

Welcome to the Gardiner Ranger District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Bison hunting on the National Forest is a unique activity on an extraordinary landscape. Let's maintain this experience by committing to the Forest Service motto together, "Caring for the land and serving people." We already do this, but let's take it to the next level. I hope this brochure assists hunters in the safe pursuit of bison while serving and caring for this special landscape and experience.

Michael Thom

Gardiner District Ranger

Animal Carcasses

Must be acceptably stored when located 100 yards to ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest Trail. Animal carcasses more than ½ mile from a camping area or more than 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail may be left on the ground. These restrictions apply to all locations on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from March 1 through November 30.

In Case of Emergency Dial 911

Food Storage Order and Litter

Unattended food, refuse, and attractants must be stored in hard-sided vehicles or bear-resistant containers certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, or it must be hung above the ground at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole. These restrictions apply to all locations on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from March 1 through November 30.

Additionally, removal of all garbage, including paper, cans, bottles, sewage, waste water, or rubbish from the site or area must occur at all times, year round.

Weed -Free Hay

Only certified weed seed free hay, pelleted feed, straw, whole grains, or cubed products can be possessed, stored, or transported on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Gardiner Bison Hunting Map



