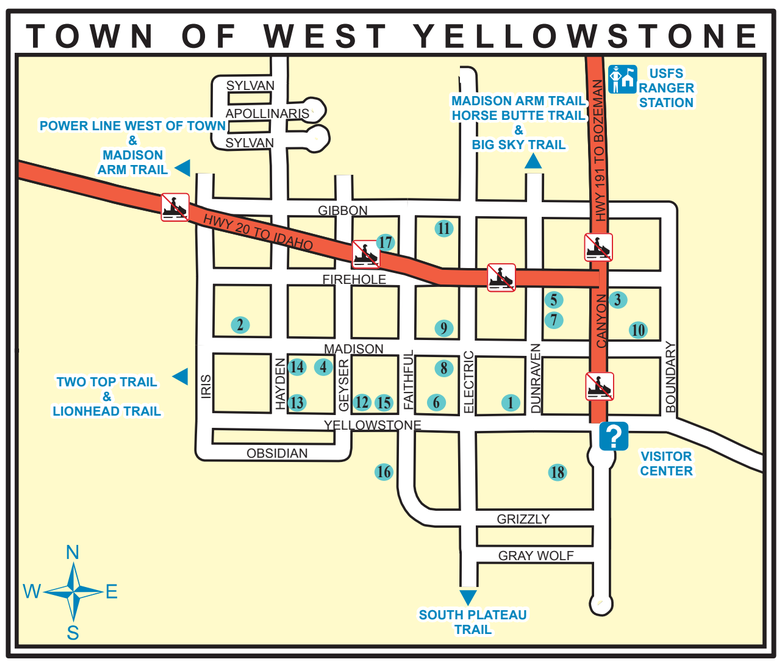


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State of Montana Snowmobiler's Responsibility & Liability Law

23-2-651. Purpose. The legislature finds that snowmobiling is a major recreational sport and a major industry in this state and recognizes that among the attractions of the sport are risks, inherent and otherwise. The state has a legitimate interest in:
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History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 440, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 145, L. 1999.

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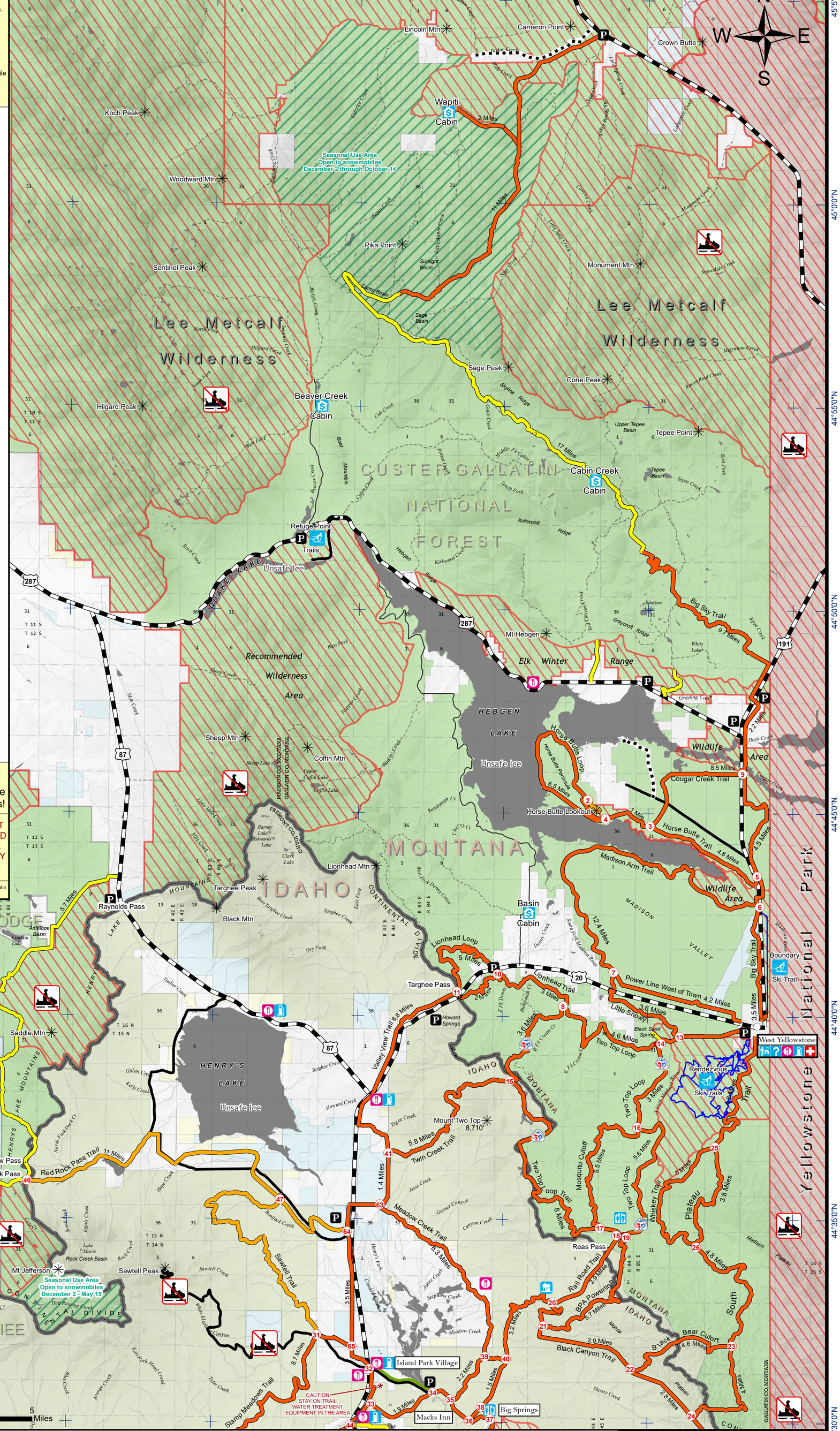
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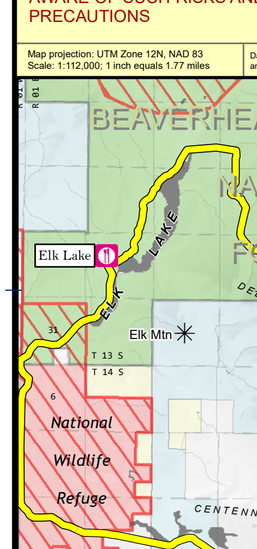
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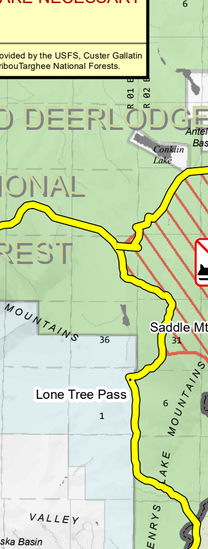
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TRAIL JUNCTIONS



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This map is for informational purposes only.

The Gallatin National Forest Over Snow Vehicle Use Map is the regulatory map for snowmobile use on the Gallatin National Forest.

Go to www.fs.usda.gov/main/gallatin/maps-pubs or visit the Hebgen Lake Ranger District for more information.

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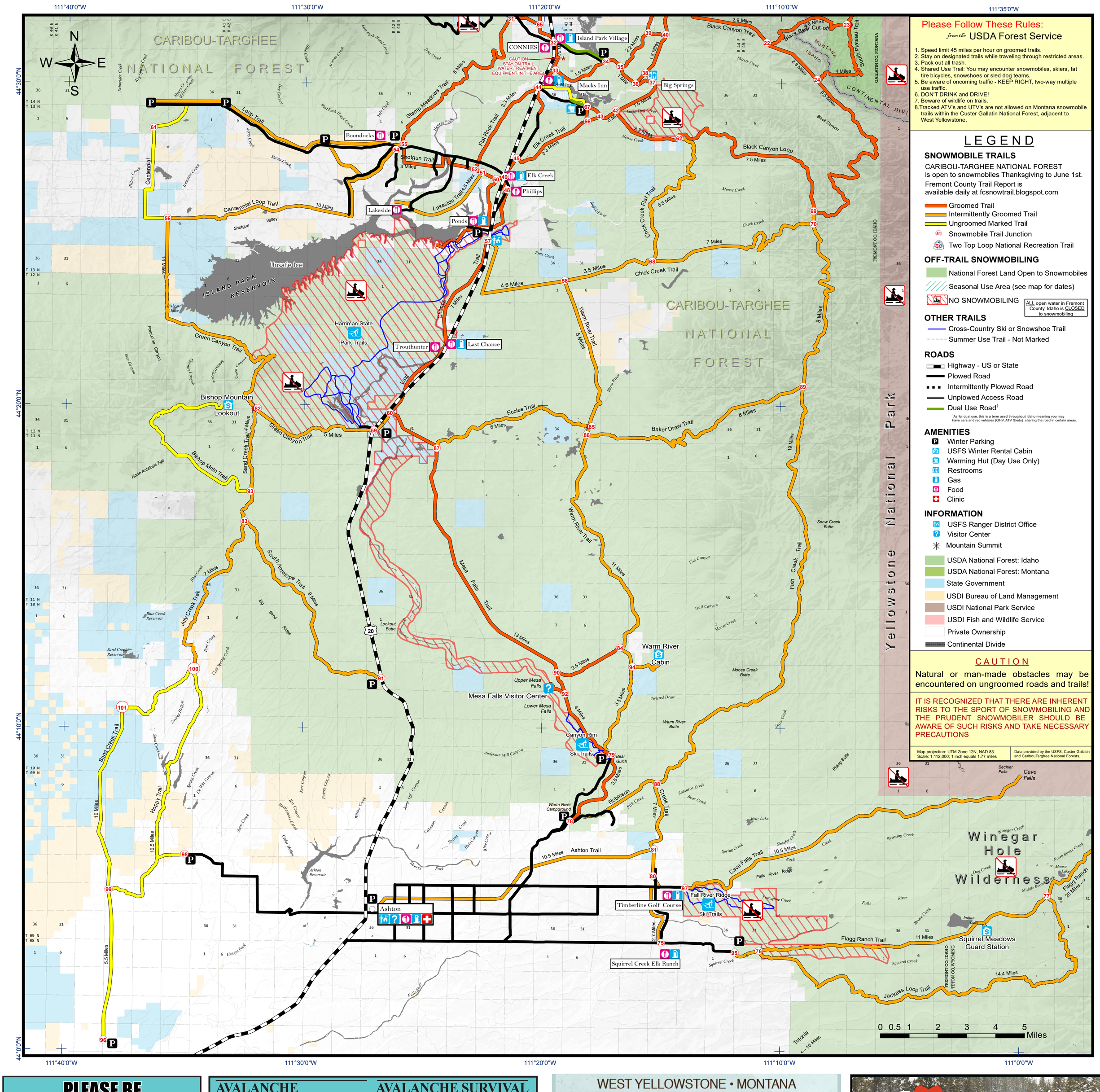
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- ✓ Respect others and wildlife
- ✓ Observe trail speed limits and restricted areas
- ✓ Ride within your capabilities
- ✓ Allow extra time and plenty of distance for maneuvering
- ✓ Stay off plowed roads

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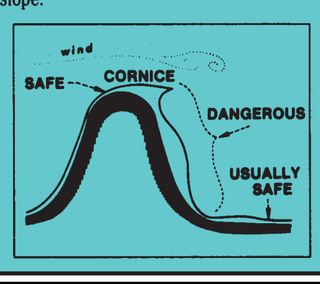
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- Never travel on dark colored ice or ice covered with slush.
- Areas with springs or currents erode ice and do not freeze solid.

EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

AVALANCHE

Avalanche danger cannot be taken too seriously because a wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to be knowledgeable of avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. Avalanches are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

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AVALANCHE SURVIVAL

If you are caught in an avalanche:

- ► Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- ► Discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- ► Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- ► As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand or any other part of your body above the surface.
- ► Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- ► Try not to panic; you need to preserve oxygen.

If you are a survivor, you are a victim's best hope of survival:

- ► Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he is trapped.
- ► Search for the victim directly downslope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving. Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- ► Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
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