

Trails Maintained December 1 through March 31.

Montana and Idaho REQUIRE:
ALL out-of-state snowmobiles and snow bikes
to have a **non-resident license**.

Montana non-resident snowmobile and snowbike licenses cost **\$35.00**

Idaho non-resident 1-year snowmobile licenses cost **\$59.50**

Idaho non-resident 2-year snowmobile licenses cost **\$119.00**

Montana REQUIRES:
ALL residents with "mechanized equipment",
including snowmobiles, fat-tire bikes, and converted motorized
snow bikes to have a **Groomed Trail Pass**.

Montana Resident Groomed Trail Pass costs **\$20.00 - Pass good for two years**

Licenses and groomed trail passes are available at authorized snowmobile vendors
(Yellowstone Adventures & Highmark Rentals)
and the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
(30 Yellowstone Avenue - West Yellowstone, MT)

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:

- (1) maintaining the economic viability of the snowmobiling industry by discouraging claims based on damages resulting from risks inherent in the sport;
- (2) clarifying what the inherent risks of snowmobiling are; and
- (3) establishing the duties of snowmobilers and snowmobile area operators.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 440, L. 1987; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 145, L. 1999.

23-2-654. Snowmobiler's assumption of responsibility -- duties.

- (1) A snowmobiler shall operate a snowmobile at all times in a manner that avoids injury to self and others and must be aware of the inherent risks in the sport of snowmobiling.
- (2) A snowmobiler shall:

- (a) know the range of the snowmobiler's ability and the snowmobiler's equipment so as to negotiate any section of terrain or snowmobile trail safely and without injury or damage. A snowmobiler must be aware that the snowmobiler's ability may vary because of terrain or trail changes caused by weather, grooming changes, or snowmobile use;
- (b) maintain control of speed and course at all times while snowmobiling so as to prevent injury to self and others;
- (c) heed all posted warnings; and
- (d) refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone.

- (3) A snowmobiler shall accept all legal responsibility for injury or damage of any kind to the extent that the injury or damage results from risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling. Risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling are: (a) variations in terrain, including surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions naturally occurring or resulting from weather changes, snowmobile use, or grooming or snow making operations; (b) bare spots or thin snow cover caused by limited snowfall, melting, wind erosion, snowmobile action, grooming, or unconsolidated base; (c) rocks, trees, or other forms of forest growth or debris; (d) clearly visible or plainly marked improvements or trail maintenance equipment; and (e) avalanches.
- (4) The provisions of this section do not affect a products liability cause of action based upon the design or manufacture of snowmobile equipment or products or safety equipment used incidental to the operation of a snowmobile.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 440, L. 1987; and, Sec. 11, Ch. 351, L. 1993; and, Sec. 4, Ch. 145, L. 1999.

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1. Speed limit 45 miles per hour on groomed trails.
2. Stay on designated trails while traveling through restricted areas.
3. Pack out all trash.
4. Shared Use Trail: You may encounter snowmobiles, skiers, fat tire bicycles, snowshoes or sled dog teams.
5. Be aware of oncoming traffic - KEEP RIGHT, two-way multiple use traffic.
6. DONT DRINK and DRIVE!
7. Beware of wildlife on trails.
8. Tracked ATVs and UTV's are not allowed on Montana snowmobile trails within the Custer Gallatin National Forest, adjacent to West Yellowstone.

LEGEND

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Trails maintained December 1 through March 31, depending on snow conditions.
Grooming Report is on the web at
destinationyellowstone.com/snowmobile-trail-report

- Groomed Trail
- Intermittently Groomed Trail
- Ungroomed Marked Trail
- Snowmobile Trail Junction
- Two Top Loop National Recreation Trail

OFF-TRAIL SNOWMOBILING

- National Forest Land Open to Snowmobiles
- Seasonal Use Area (see map for dates)

NO SNOWMOBILING

- Cross-Country Ski or Snowshoe Trail
- Summer Use Trail - Not Marked

ROADS

- Highway - US or State
- Plowed Road
- Intermittently Plowed Road
- Unplowed Access Road
- Dual Use Road¹

¹As for dual use, this is a term used throughout Idaho meaning you may have cars and rec vehicles (ORV, ATV, Sleds) sharing the road in certain areas.

AMENITIES

- Winter Parking
- USFS Winter Rental Cabin
- Warming Hut (Day Use Only)
- Restrooms
- Gas
- Food
- Clinic

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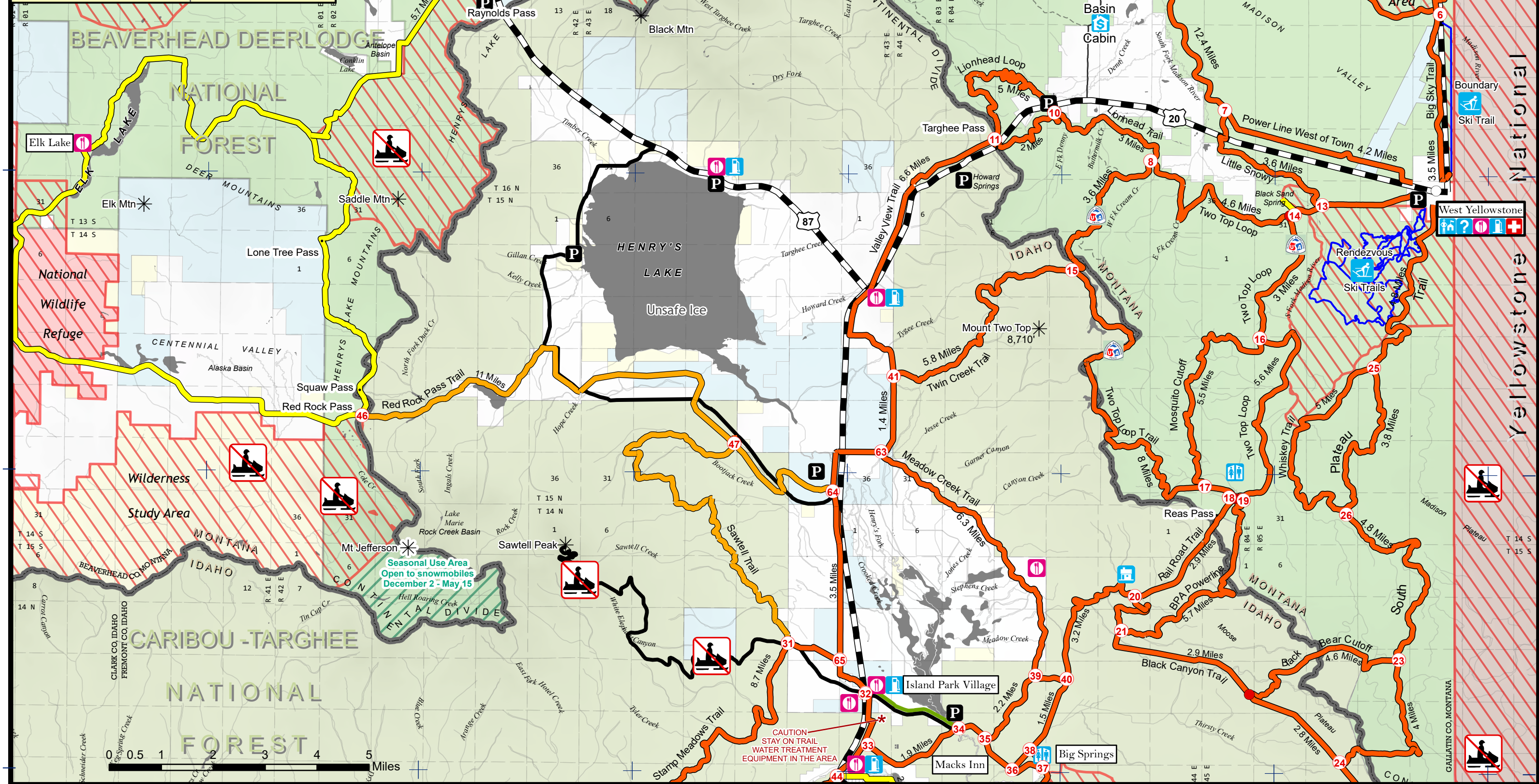
- USFS Ranger District Office
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- State Government
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- USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
- Private Ownership
- Continental Divide

CAUTION

Natural or man-made obstacles may be encountered on ungroomed roads and trails!

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS TO THE SPORT OF SNOWMOBILING AND THE PRUDENT SNOWMOBILIST SHOULD BE AWARE OF SUCH RISKS AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS

Map projection: UTM Zone 12N, NAD 83
Scale: 1:112,000; 1 inch equals 1.77 miles
Data provided by the USFS, Custer Gallatin and Caribou-Targhee National Forests



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ONLY MOTORIZED ON SNOW VEHICLES, DEFINED AS, DRIVEN WITH A TRACK, CLOSER WITH SKIS AND LESS THAN 30" IN GROUND WIDTH ARE ALLOWED ON GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS.
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MONTANA ONLY:

TRACKED ATVs & SIDESIDE'S ARE NOT ALLOWED ON GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Only motorized on snow vehicles, defined as, driven with a track, closer with skis and less than 30" in ground width are allowed on groomed snowmobile trails.
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Custer Gallatin National Forest

LOVE OUR TRAILS?

Please consider donating to help support the grooming of the trails in West Yellowstone.

2024-2025 Snowmobile Patches Available

2024-2025 WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

\$5.00 for 24/25 patches. \$3.00 for older stock.
Available at the Chamber/Visitor Center
(30 Yellowstone Avenue)

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 Hebgan Lake Ranger District for more information.

CAUTION! Pay close attention to the Yellowstone Park Ranger District's "Zero Tolerance" policy in effect for official riding within the Park.

