SNOWMOBILE ROUTES
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
Pintler Ranger District

SNOWMOBILE OPERATOR’S CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will be a good citizen. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote fair conduct.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs or other natural features. I will go out only when there is sufficient snow so that I will not damage the land.
4. I will respect other people’s property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make my vehicle and my vehicle available to search and rescue parties.
7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snowshoers, ice anglers or other winter sports enthusiasts. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state, and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection of feeding or feeding of wildlife.
10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will not snowmobile where prohibited.

ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **RED LION**
   - 17 Miles
   - Cable Campground to Granite. Access: County Road #55 and FS Rd. #424 approximately 3 miles from Montana Highway 1. Groomed. Cable Campground to Granite. Can be difficult to follow after fresh snow.

2. **WARM SPRINGS**
   - Warm Springs Creek Crossing on FS Rd. #130 to Fred Bull Pass (Junction B). Access: FS Rd. #170, approximately 3.2 miles from Montana Highway 1. Limited parking at trailhead. Recommended using Red Lion for access. Groomed. Last mile to Fred Bull Pass may be difficult due to blowing and drifting snow.

3. **HIDDEN LAKE**
   - Red Lion Route #1 (Junction A) to Warm Springs Route #2 (Junction C). Distance is approximately 6.2 miles from Red Lion Trailhead. Groomed, narrow trail. First 1/2 mile from Red Road, difficult after heavy snowfall.

4. **ECHO LAKE**
   - 3 Miles
   - Georgetown Lake to Echo Lake. Access: Montana Highway 1 and FS Rd. #172. Limited parking available at Red Bridge Boat Launch. Recommended using Red Lion for access. Approximately 1 mile of travel is along power road.

5. **BLODGETT**
   - 11 Miles
   - Silver Lake to Georgetown Lake. Access: Montana Highway 1 and FS Rd. #172. Groomed. Narrow, public family trail. Scenic trail can be used to access Storm Route #5 (Junction D). Groomed, narrow, winding trail. Trail begins behind Georgetown Lake Lodge. Snowmobile-warm cabin located before Peterson Meadows.

6. **STORM LAKE**
   - 4 Miles
   - Groomed. Interim groomed trail. Last 1/2 mile to Storm Lake. Scenic view of Anaconda Pintlers. NOTE: This area is adjacent to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness where snowmobiling is prohibited. Please respect the wilderness boundary.

7. **MONTGOMERY RIDGE**
   - 4 Miles
   - Groomed. Interim groomed, narrow trail. No public access to end of Montgomery Ridge.

8. **PETERSON MEADOWS**
   - 5 Miles
   - Groomed. Interim groomed, narrow trail. No public access to end of Peterson Meadows.

9. **PETTERSON CUTOFF**
   - 1.5 Miles
   - Groomed. Interim groomed, narrow trail. Interim groomed trail. 2 miles from Peterson Meadows.

10. **WINDY RIDGE**
    - Groomed. Interim groomed, narrow trail.

11. **HAPPY CREEK**
    - 8 Miles
    - East Fork Route #11 (Junction K) to Moosie Lake. Access: Montana Highway 1 and FS Rd. #462. Last mile to Moosie Lakes ungroomed.

12. **HAPPY CREEK SPUR**
    - 1.5 Miles
    - Groomed. Interim groomed, narrow trail.

**LEGEND**

- Marked Snowmobile Routes - Groomed when funding is available
- Unmarked Snowmobile Routes - Ungroomed or intermittently groomed
- Trailhead/Parking Area
- Route Number
- Route Junction
- Seasonal Closure / Forest Service Restrictions
- Winter Range Area Closure: Forest Service restrictions
- Discovery Ski Areas
- Non-motorized recreation
- Peterson Meadows Warmwod Shelter
- Anaconda Pintler Wilderness - Closed to snowmobiles

**WILDLIFE APPRECIATION**

Winter can be a difficult time for wildlife. Staying on marked routes helps reduce disturbance and protect critical winter habitats.

**SNOWMOBILERS!**

- **Stumps, rocks, or other hazards may be present on all trails or areas. Some trails are not maintained, packed or groomed. Drive with caution.**
- **Group travel is advisable for safety. Let someone know your route and destination.**
- **Operate snowmobiles at safe speeds and always be prepared to stop within one half of visible distance.**
- **Yield to pedestrians and skiers.**
- **Avoid traveling on designated ski trails.**
- **Snowmobile at your own risk.**

**IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**AIR QUALITY**

- **Reduce fossil-fuel emissions and protect Montana’s unique environment.**
- **Reduce idling time of snowmobiles and other vehicles as much as possible. Excessive idling can cause unnecessary adverse impacts to air quality, but saves gas and money.**

**WATER QUALITY**

- Perform pre-trip tune-ups. This maintenance measure will also help ensure trouble free and safe winter travel.
- Consider using synthetic biodegradable oils available from snowmobile dealers.

**VEGETATION**

- **Avoid plowing over the exposed tops of trees.** Stay away from areas of life or shallow snow cover. Mechanical damage to the ground and vegetation can cause spring soil erosion and damage to other valuable resources.

**SOUND**

Montana law establishes a noise level of 73 decibels for snowmobiles. When riding on public land, please use reasonable volume control and be aware of your surroundings. Place your muffler to comply with the law.

**WALKING**

- **Follow guidelines when viewing wildlife or when using through winter range.**
- **Give wildlife plenty of space, they have to preserve energy reserves to survive the winter. Even a small disturbance, causing them to run, may deplete energy reserves critical for survival. Avoid any activity that causes them to move or alter their activities.**
- **Observe animals from a safe distance. Use binoculars, spotting scopes and telephoto camera lenses.**
- **Stay on your snowmobile and continue moving slowly at a steady pace. Stopping or getting off your snowmobile may be lethal to disabled wildlife.**
- **Respect closures and restrictions; they help to reduce conflicts with all winter users.**
- **Limit your snowmobile time in a given day to reduce collision and stress.**
- **Decrease risk of mortality.**
- **Protect important browse plants.**

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National Forest shown on this map.

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