

SNOWMOBILE ROUTES
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
Pintler Ranger District

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness
 No Snowmobiling Allowed

Trails marked and maintained by
Anaconda Snowmobile Club

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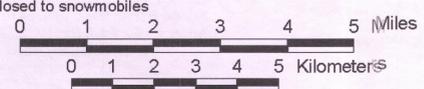
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WILDLIFE APPRECIATION!
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- LEGEND**
- Marked Snowmobile Routes - Groomed when funding is available
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 - Trailhead/Parking Area
 - Route Number
 - Route Junction
 - Winter Range Area Closure
 - Discovery Ski Area - Closed to snowmobiles non-motorized recreation
 - Peterson Meadows Warning Shelter
 - Anaconda Pintler Wilderness- Closed to snowmobiles

For closure dates see the Forest Visitor/Travel Map. There may be private inholdings within the closure area not subject to Forest Service restrictions.



SNOWMOBILE OPERATOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) I will be a good enthusiast. 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 myself 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 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 #65 and FS Rd. #242 approximately 3 miles from Montana Highway 1. Groomed, Cable Campground to Granite. Can be difficult to follow after fresh snow.
- 2 WARM SPRINGS** 7 Miles
 Warm Springs Creek Crossing on FS Rd. #170 to Fred Burr Pass (Junction B).
 Access: FS Rd. #170, approximately 3.2 miles from Montana Highway 1. Limited parking at trailhead. Recommend using Red Lion for access. Groomed. Last mile to Fred Burr Pass may be difficult due to blowing and drifting snow.
- 3 HIDDEN LAKE** 5 Miles
 Red Lion Route #1 (Junction A) to Warm Springs Route #2 (Junction C). Junction A is approximately 6.2 miles from Red Lion Trailhead. Groomed, narrow trail. First 1/4 mile from Red Lion difficult after heavy snowfall.
- 4 ECHO LAKE** 3 Miles
 Georgetown Lake to Echo Lake.
 Access: Montana Highway 1. Parking available at Red Bridge Boat Launch. Groomed. Echo Lake can be used to access Red Lion Route #1. Approximately 1 mile of travel is along plowed road.
- 5 BLODGETT** 11 Miles
 Silver Lake to Georgetown Lake.
 Access: Montana Highway 1 and FS Rd. #672. Groomed, good family trail. Scenic. Trail can be used to access Storm Lake Route #6 (Junction D), Montgomery Ridge Route #7 (Junction E), Peterson Meadows Route #8 (Junction F) and Windy Ridge Route #10 (Junction I).
- 6 STORM LAKE** 4 Miles
 Blodgett Route #5 (Junction D) to Storm Lake. Groomed. Intermittently groomed last 1/2 mile to Storm Lake. Scenic view of Anaconda Pintler. NOTE: This area is adjacent to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness where snowmobiling is prohibited. Please respect the wilderness boundary.
- 7 MONTGOMERY RIDGE** 4 Miles
 Blodgett Route #5 (Junction E) to Silver Lake. Intermittently groomed, narrow trail. No public access to west end of Silver Lake.
- 8 PETERSON MEADOWS** 5 Miles
 Georgetown Lake Lodge to Peterson Meadows and Blodgett Route #5.
 Access: County Road #672, approximately 2 miles from Montana Highway 1. Groomed, narrow winding trail. Trail begins behind Georgetown Lake Lodge. Snowmobile warming cabin located at Peterson Meadows.
- 9 PETERSON CUTOFF** 1.5 Miles
 Peterson Meadows Route #8 (Junction H) to Peterson Meadows. Junction H is approximately 2 miles from Peterson Meadows trailhead. Intermittently groomed, narrow trail.
- 10 WINDY RIDGE** 3 Miles
 Blodgett Route #5 (Junction I) to East Fork Route #11. Intermittently groomed, travel difficult at times due to blowing and drifting snow. Some bare areas. Scenic view of Flint Creek Valley.
- 11 EAST FORK** 16 Miles
 Georgetown Lake to Carpp Ridge.
 Access: County Road #672. Trailhead is approximately 4 miles from Montana Highway 1. Groomed, good family trail. Scenic. NOTE: This area is adjacent to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness where snowmobiling is prohibited. Please respect the wilderness boundary.
- 12 HAPPY CREEK** 8 Miles
 East Fork Route #11 (Junction K) to Moose Lake. Junction K is approximately 13.5 miles from East Fork Trailhead. Groomed. Last mile to Moose Lake is ungroomed.
- 13 HAPPY CREEK SPUR** 4.5 Miles
 Happy Creek Route #12 (Junction L) to East Fork Route #11 (Junction M). Intermittently groomed, narrow trail.

We welcome your suggestions. If you wish to make comments, or would like information, please contact the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest:

Pintler Ranger District (Philipsburg)
 88-10A
 Business Loop
 Philipsburg, MT 59858
 (406) 859-3211

Pintler Ranger District (Deer Lodge)
 1 Hollenbach Road
 Deer Lodge, MT 59722
 (406) 846-1770

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 advised 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 automobiles. This not only avoids unnecessary adverse impacts to air quality, but saves gas and money too.
 * 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 RUNNING OVER THE EXPOSED TOPS OF TREES. Stay away from areas of little 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 limit of 78 decibels for snowmobiles. When riding on public land, please use the manufacturer's muffler system. This not only satisfies Montana law, but also results in reduced impacts to wildlife and other winter recreationalists.

WILDLIFE
 Follow these guidelines when viewing wildlife or when riding through winter range:
 * Give wildlife plenty of space, they have to preserve precious energy to survive the winter. Even a small disturbance, causing them to run, may deplete energy reserves critical for survival. Avoid any action that causes them to move or alter their activity.
 * Observe animals from a safe distance. Use binoculars, spotting scopes and telephoto camera lenses.
 * Stay seated on your snowmobile and continue moving at a slow steady pace. Stopping or getting off your sled is more likely to disturb wildlife.
 * Respect closures and/or restrictions; they help to:
 - Reduce changes in animal use patterns
 - Decrease energy consumption and stress
 - Decrease risk of mortality
 - Protect important browse plants

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GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

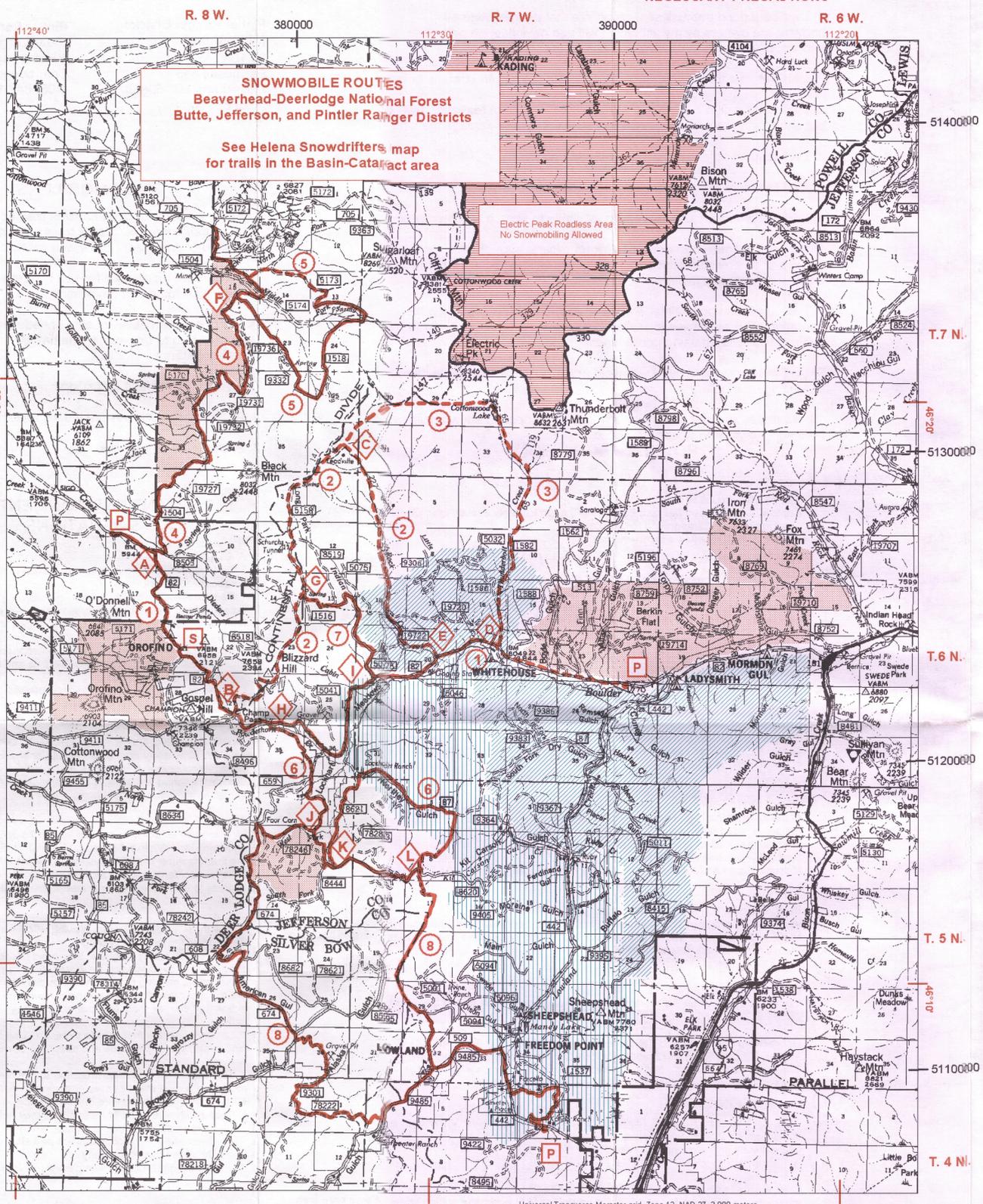
- PHYSICALLY FIT?**
Remember that human efficiency declines in cold weather. Top physical condition may be required to walk out if equipment fails.
- GOOD EQUIPMENT?**
Know how to make repairs; carry an emergency repair kit. Have enough gas, with some to spare. Carry snowshoes or skis.
- TRIP PLANNED?**
Know where you're going and stick to it. Inform a responsible person of your planned route and when you'll return. Use registration boards where provided.
- CHECK WEATHER FORECAST?**
Don't travel in a storm. Turn back if the weather turns bad. If visibility is reduced or area is unfamiliar, follow your tracks back out.
- STAY ON SAFE ROUTES?**
Avoid avalanche terrain. Avoid thin ice or unsafe river crossings.
- CARRY A SURVIVAL KIT?**
Equip snowmobile with survival material. Review publications on winter survival. Carry matches (waterproof), hatchet, plastic sheet (9' x 12'), first aid kit, spare food pack, snowshoes or skis.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS GUIDE

- KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**
Call to obtain updated weather and avalanche information.
- AWARENESS WHILE RIDING**
Look for evidence of recent avalanches, shooting cracks in the snow or snow collapsing with a "whumpf" sound. These signs usually mean the snow is unstable. The avalanche danger is likely increasing if it is snowing, blowing or raining.
- RECOGNIZING AVALANCHE TERRAIN**
Avalanches start on slopes steeper than about 30 degrees, but can be triggered from below on flatter terrain in unstable conditions.
- Slopes with wind-deposited snow are often unstable. Cornices indicate a wind loaded slope.
- A slope that's recently avalanched indicates unstable conditions on other slopes of a similar angle, aspect and elevation.
- SAFETY TIPS**
If you ride on or beneath potential avalanche slopes, travel one at a time, even when high marking.
Don't stop in areas exposed to avalanches.
If caught, try to ride out of the slide, but if this fails, make swimming motions while trying to stay on the surface.
- Have all members of the group carry avalanche beacons, shovels and probes; and be sure everyone knows how to use them.
- If you get stuck DO NOT have a buddy ride over to help. The additional weight of another snowmobile can trigger an avalanche.

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- Pintler Ranger District (Deer Lodge)**
1 Hollenbach Road
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
(406) 846-1770
- Butte Ranger District**
1820 Meadowark
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-2147
- Jefferson Ranger District**
3 Whitetail Road
Whitehall, MT 59759
(406) 287-3223



IF LOST OR EQUIPMENT FAILS

- * Keep calm - think, decide on a plan.
- * Trust your compass.
- * Backtrack if possible.
- * If not possible, remain in place.
- * Don't separate if with a party.
- * Don't abandon your snowshoes or skis.
- * Build a fire and shelter - Stay warm.
- * Mark your base camp.

DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Three smokes, blasts or whistles, three shouts, three flashes of light, three of anything that will attract attention.

WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERDUE:

Keep calm - Notify proper authorities:
Call nearest Sheriff's office
GIVE PROPER INFORMATION

ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

- BOULDER RIVER ROAD #82** 15 Miles
Peterson Creek Parking Area to Thunderbolt Creek via Orofino Campground and Champion Pass
Access: From Deer Lodge, east on Milwaukee Avenue to Boulder River Road; southeast on Boulder Road to Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Approximately 8 miles from Deer Lodge.
Groomed, good family trail.

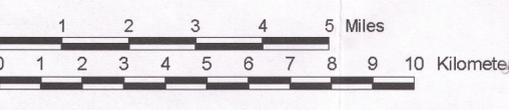
**Peterson Creek Parking Area is provided through the cooperation of landowner Charles Vanisko. Please respect his property rights and help us keep this area clean.
- LEADVILLE LOOP** 15 Miles (Total distance routes 1+2 = 30 miles)
Champion Pass along Continental Divide to Leadville; then down Rock Creek to Boulder River Road
Access from Boulder River Road #82, 6 miles from Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Marked, ungroomed. Recommended for experienced riders only.
- COTTONWOOD LAKE LOOP** 12 Miles (Total distance routes 1+2+3 = 42 miles)
Head of Rock Creek in Leadville area to Cottonwood Lake, then down Thunderbolt Creek to Boulder River Road.
Access: Leadville Loop 15.5 miles from Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Marked, ungroomed. Recommended for experienced riders only.
NOTE: This area is adjacent to the Electric Peak Roadless Area where snowmobiling is prohibited. Please respect the roadless boundary.
- SPRING EMERY ROAD #1504** 12 Miles
Peterson Parking Area to Emery Mine area
Access: Boulder River Road, 1.5 miles from Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Groomed. Good family trail.
- MIDDLE FORK COTTONWOOD** 12.5 Miles (Total distance routes 4+5 = 35.5 miles)
Spring Emery Road up the Middle Fork of Cottonwood Creek on FS Rd. #1518, then down North Fork of Cottonwood Creek to Spring Emery Road. Groomed for approximately 9 miles up Middle Fork Road #1518. Good family trail.
Ungroomed remaining 4.5 miles down the North Fork Cottonwood Creek. Recommended for experienced riders only.
CAUTION! Several unmarked trails branch off from Middle Fork Road #1518.
- NORTHEY GULCH LOOP** 17.6 Miles
Boulder River Road to Northy Gulch, then back to Boulder River Road.
Access: Boulder River Road, 7 miles from Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Groomed.
- INDIAN CREEK CUTOFF** 3.6 Miles
Leadville Loop to Boulder River Road.
Access: Leadville Loop, 9 miles from Peterson Creek Parking Area.
Groomed
- ELK PARK LOOP** 38 Miles
Konda Ranch Parking Area to Northy Gulch Loop.
Access: Elk Park Exit, I-15, west 2 miles to Konda Ranch Parking Area.
Groomed. Good family trail

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- ▨ Elk and Moose Winter Range - Snowmobiling allowed, but please give wildlife plenty of space.
- ▩ Moose Winter Range - Snowmobiling allowed, but please give wildlife plenty of space.
- S Orofino Campground Warming Shelter
- ▨ Electric Peak Roadless Area - Closed to snowmobiles per Helena N.F. Travel Map

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Pintler (Deer Lodge and Philipsburg), Jefferson, and Butte Ranger Districts

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Important Travel Notice
Winter visitors should be aware that the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is implementing the Forest Plan Record of Decision (ROD), which prohibits motorized vehicles in winter non-motorized allocations. Wheeled and/or motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles are also prohibited in recommended wilderness areas. Additional opportunities and restrictions apply outside the coverage area on this map.

Forest visitors are encouraged to stop by their local Forest Service office to pick up free updated travel map addendums, which cover all areas of the Forest. The addendums supersede the information on this map and should be used in conjunction with travel maps of the Forest. It is the responsibility of all visitors to understand where it is permissible to use motorized vehicles on National Forest lands.



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