

Motor Vehicle Use Map Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest



Castle Mountains

April, 2023* (pgs. 1&2 updated)

THE PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

Forest Supervisor,
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area; and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your Participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Operators should take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS, TRAILS, AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area, you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.



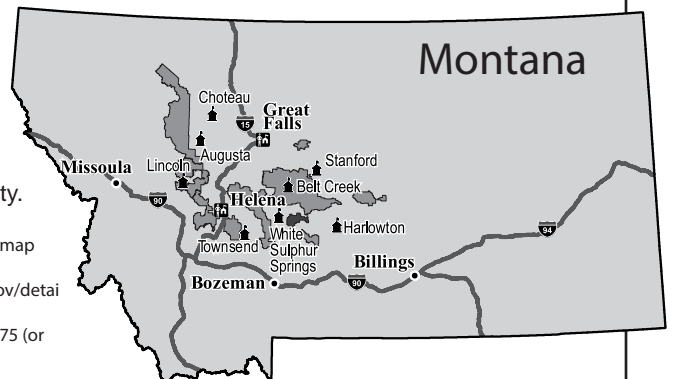
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BLANKET STATEMENTS FOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

OFF-ROUTE PARKING

Motor vehicles may be parked up to 70 feet from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to National Forest System resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR261.54).



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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:



These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the State.

Roads Open to All Vehicles:



These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

Trails Open to All Vehicles:



These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhigh-way legal vehicles.

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:



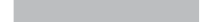
These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50 inches or Less in Width:



These trails are open only to wheeled motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

Seasonal Designation:



This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal Table for further instructions.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

- Other Public Roads
- - - Other Public Trails

Milepost Marker:



This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Supervisor's Office
1220 38th Street North
Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone: (406)-791-7700

Belt Creek Ranger District

4234 US Highway 89 North
Neihart, MT 59465
Phone: (406)-236-5100

Musselshell Ranger District

809 2nd Street NW
Harlowtown, MT 59036
Phone: (406)-632-4391

White Sulphur Springs Ranger District

204 W. Folsom
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
Phone: (406)-547-3361

Judith Ranger District

109 Central Ave
Stanford, MT 59479
Phone: (406)-566-2292

In Emergencies, call 911

To report poaching, hunting or fishing violations, OHV violations, littering, theft or destruction of natural and cultural resources, and any other crime on public land, call:



Travel and recreate with minimum impact. Respect the environment and the rights of others. Educate yourself----plan and prepare before you go. Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it. Discover the rewards of responsible recreation. For more information on Tread Lightly!, go to <http://www.treadlightly.org> or call 1-800-966-9900.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Lewis and Clark National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local National Forest office.

Designated roads, trails, and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A National Forest may issue an order to close a road, trail, or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede vehicle size or weight limits imposed through State traffic laws.

***The Forest Service manages e-bikes as a motor vehicle.**

Electric Bicycle (E-Bike).

Also referred to as an electric mountain bike (eMTB), a type of motor vehicle with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor of not more than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes:

- Class 1 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- Class 2 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the e-bike and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- Class 3 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

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Seasonal Vehicle Designations*						
Symbol	Route Type	Route Number	Dates Allowed	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost	Segment Length
.....	Trail Open to Motorcycle Only, Seasonally	713-A	12/01-10/14	0	1.5	1.5
		713	12/01-10/14	0	0.5	0.5
		▲ 716	12/01-10/14	1.5	1.7	0.2
		723	12/01-10/14	0	2	2
		723	12/01-10/14	2.6	3.2	0.6
		717	12/01-10/14	0	5	5
.....	Trail Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or Less, Seasonally	618	07/01-08/31	0	2.2	2.2
		719	07/01-08/31	0	5	5
		▲ 716	07/01-08/31	4.8	6.9	2.1
		725	12/01-10/14	0	2.2	2.2
		717	12/01-10/14	5	7.2	2.2

Only routes with seasonal restrictions are shown on this table.

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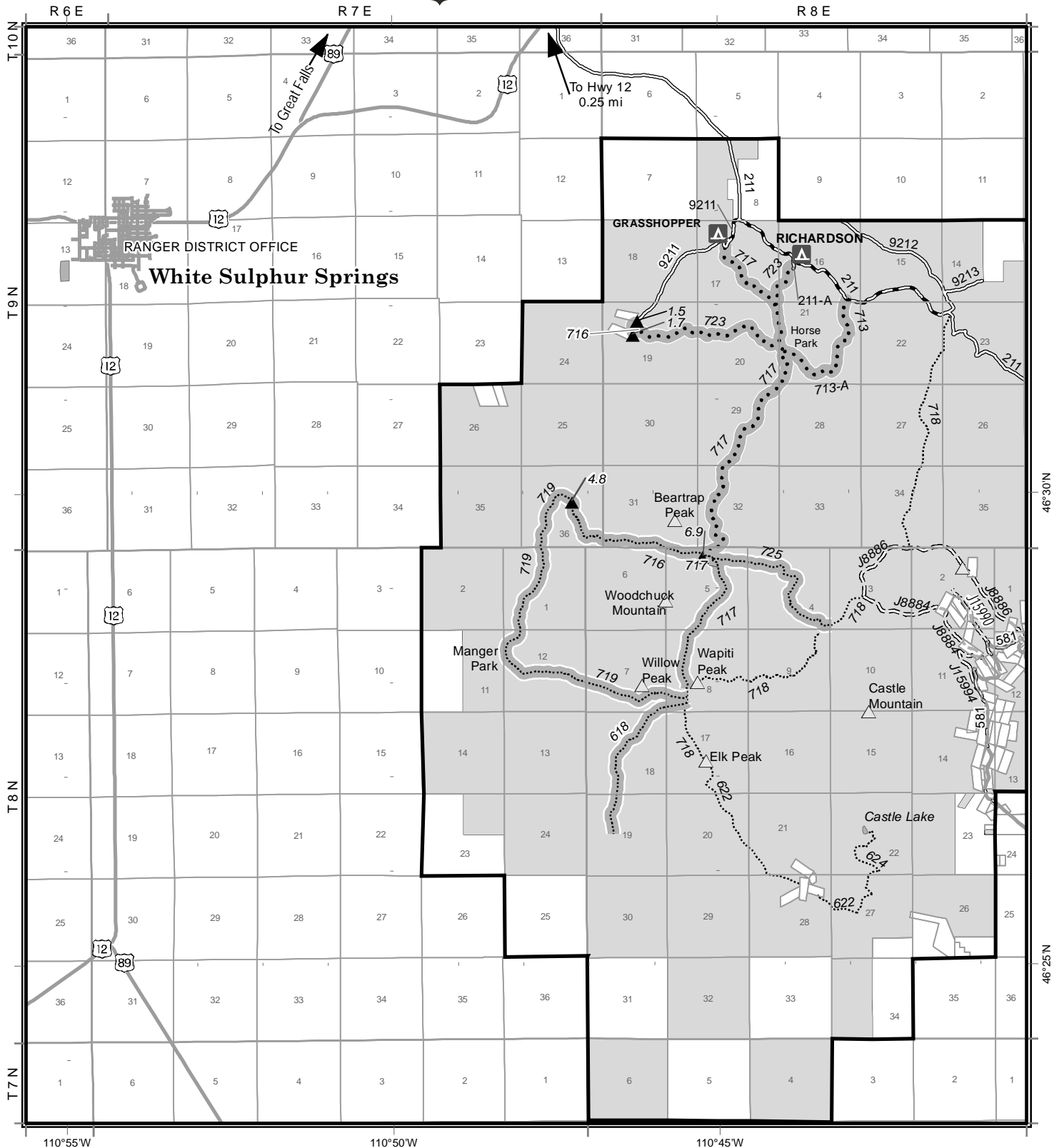
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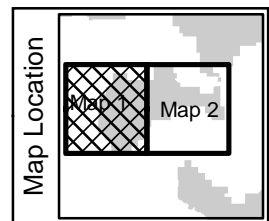


LEGEND

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only	Forest/Ranger District Boundary	County Boundary
Roads Open to All Vehicles	National Forest System Lands	Lakes and Rivers
Trails Open to All Vehicles	Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest	Township and Range Lines
Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50' or Less in Width	Peaks	FS Campground
Trails Open to Motorcycles Only	Information Site	Miles 0 1 2 3
Seasonal Designation (See Table) {Used along with road or trail listed above}		
Other Public Roads		



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Seasonal Vehicle Designations*						
Symbol	Route Type	Route Number	Dates Allowed	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost	Segment Length
=====	Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles, Seasonally	694	12/02-08/31	2.2	6.7	4.5
		8905	12/02-08/31	1.6	2.5	0.9
		15929	12/02-08/31	0.6	2.9	2.3
		15933	12/02-08/31	0	1.1	1.1
=====	Trails Open to All Vehicles, Seasonally	J15946	12/01-08/31	0	0.2	0.2
		J15946	12/01-08/31	0.5	1.6	1.1
		J15952	12/01-08/31	0	0.8	0.8
		J15952-A	12/01-08/31	0	0.2	0.2
		J15954	12/01-08/31	0	1.1	1.1
		J15962	12/01-10/14	0	1.7	1.7
		J15974	12/01-08/31	0	1.1	1.1
		J15977	12/01-08/31	0.9	1.5	0.6
		J581039	12/01-08/31	0	0.8	0.8
		J623-A	12/01-08/31	0	0.3	0.3
J9214	12/01-08/31	0	2.5	2.5		

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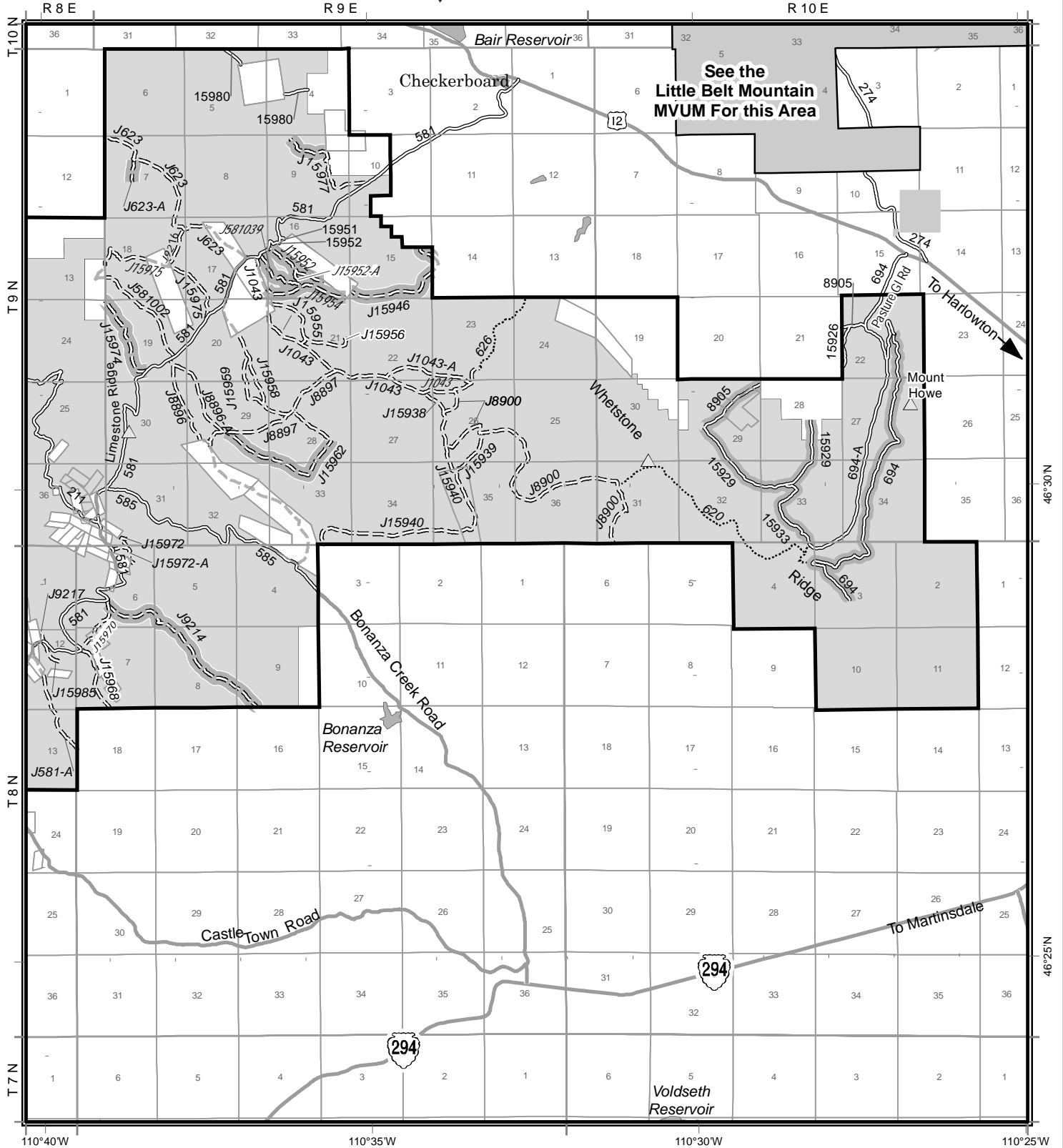
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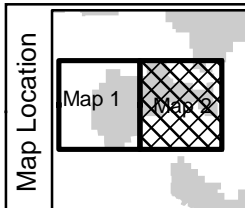
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LEGEND

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only	Forest/Ranger District Boundary	County Boundary
Roads Open to All Vehicles	National Forest System Lands	Lakes and Rivers
Trails Open to All Vehicles	Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest	Township and Range Lines
Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50' or Less in Width	Peaks	Section Lines
Trails Open to Motorcycles Only	FS Campground	Information Site
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Other Public Roads		



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