

# Motor Vehicle Use Map Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest



Helena & Townsend Ranger Districts  
Elkhorn 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to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

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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 within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).

### DISPERSED CAMPING

Motor vehicle use off of forest roads for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted on National Forest System lands for up to 300-feet from the centerline of the road when the road is open to motor vehicle use.



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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).

### 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 and Special Designation Table for further

### Other Public Roads and Trails:

- Interstate
- Highways, U.S., State, County
- Other Public Roads

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  
2880 Skyway Drive  
Helena, MT 59602  
406.449.5201

Townsend Ranger District  
415 S. Front  
Townsend, MT 59644  
406.266.3425

Helena Ranger District  
2880 Skyway Drive  
Helena, MT 59602  
406.449.5201

Lincoln Ranger District  
1569 Hwy 200  
Lincoln, MT 59639  
406.362.7000

**In Emergencies, call 911**

## PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Helena-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 nonmotor-ized uses, over-snow vehicle uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Helena-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 law.

### \*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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

## Changes from 2016

### map:

**Road 4014 (Map 1) was shortened to .77 miles long to reflect the correct travel plan length and its season of use was corrected on the Seasonal Table.**



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:



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Seasonal Vehicle Designations*					
Symbol	Route Type	Route Number	Dates Allowed	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost
	Road Open to Highway Legal Vehicles, Seasonally	277	05/16-12/01	0.0	8.1
		277-C1		0.0	0.9
		277-E1		0.0	0.4
		277-E2		0.0	0.5
		277-E3		0.0	1.7
		360	05/16-12/01	10.7	14.2
		405	05/16-12/01	Multiple segments between 3.9-12.2	
		405-U1		0.0	0.4
		405-X1		0.0	0.8
		424	05/16-12/01	1.6	19.5
		614	05/16-12/01	0.0	6.4
		4017	09/01-12/01	0.0	2.7
		4014	04/01-12/01	0.0	0.8
		4031	05/16-12/01	2.6	2.4
		4031-C1		0.0	1.6
		4031-D1		0.0	2.2
		4031-D2	05/16-10/14	0.0	2.9
4031-D3	0.0	0.6			
	Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonally	405	05/16-12/01	12.2	19.3
		405-M1		0.0	3.3
		405-M2		0.0	0.8
		405-P1		0.0	1.9
		621	05/16-12/01	0.0	10.3
		621-B1		0.0	0.6
		621-C1		0.0	4.2
		1835	05/16-12/01	0.0	3.6
		4019	05/16-12/01	0.0	0.5

\*Seasonal Tables only show routes with seasonal restrictions.

# Motor Vehicle Use Map 2017

Elkhorn Mountains

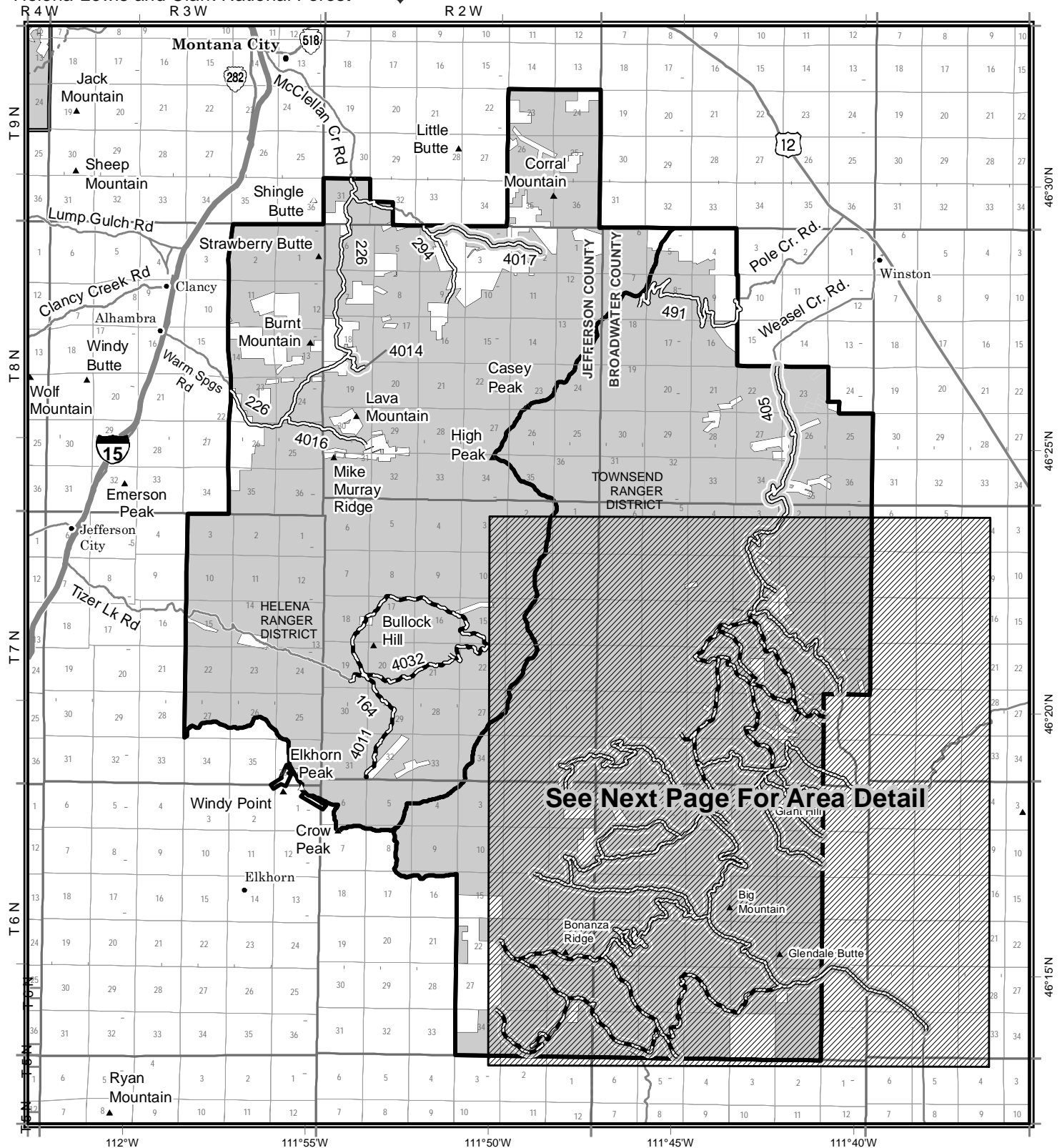
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North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)  
Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 12N

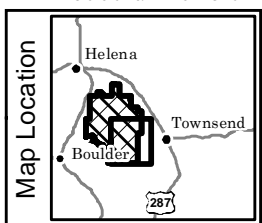
# Helena & Townsend Districts

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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
Seasonal Designation (See Table) (Used along with road or trail listed above)	Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest	Township and Range Lines
Interstate	Section Lines	
Other Public Roads	Peaks	



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