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Montana 4x4 Association

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# 4XFORUM

## Montana State Parks Seeks Public Comment on Draft Statewide Recreation Plan

Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) announced today that public comment is being sought on the draft Montana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The plan provides strategic recommendations to help maintain outdoor recreation as a priority in Montana because it benefits the quality of life for Montanans, and helps sustain economic vitality of our communities.

This plan, titled Creating a Vibrant Future for Montana's Outdoor Recreation Heritage, provides a roadmap for recreation

in Montana for 2014-2018. In Montana, demands for outdoor recreation are increasing. (For example: from 2008-2012: Glacier National Park visitation is up 16.4% Montana State Parks visitation is up 10%, and Bureau of Land Management visitation is up 9%, and from 2000-2010: off-highway vehicle registration has tripled and fishing is up 5%.)

Outdoor recreation is defined as hiking, walking, biking, motorized use (off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles), wildlife-associated recreation, aquatic activities, and more. In 2012, 77% of Montana households reported

participating in walking and biking.

This statewide draft plan was developed through a collaborative process with an advisory committee representing federal, state, and local recreation managers, and tourism partners, along with public surveys of Montana residents by the University of Montana Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research and additional national and state agency data collection.

The 2014-2018 SCORP key findings show that while Montana residents and more than 10 million out-of-state visitors, enjoy

a diverse array of outdoor recreation opportunities on Montana's 38 million acres of public land, each year, outdoor recreation managers and entities are struggling to accommodate the increased demand due to decreasing budgets, increasing maintenance costs and lack of coordination between federal, state, and local governments along with stakeholder organizations and associations.

SCORP offers a roadmap for the next 5 years recommending ways that outdoor recreation can be prioritized at a higher level, so

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## M4x4A October Delegates Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2013  
Kozy Korner Café  
Bozeman, Montana  
Delegates Meeting

The October 12, 2013 delegates meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. By Destry Walker, president. There were 12 members, representing 5 regions present. No guests were present.

The President, Destry Walker, reported that he attended the Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU) meeting, and they have been focusing on the blizzard that hit Eastern Montana and South Dakota. He is going to try to keep attending CBU meetings to keep in touch with what is going on. No updates have been made on the website, but Richard Hiltz did make some updates on facebook. Destry reported that his

computer went down, so he hasn't been able to do much.

Dawn Hines asked if the club still wanted to retain the MontanaDivideRide.com website domain name, they pay \$11 per year for it, but donate it to the state. Richard Hiltz offered that Divide Ride is just on hold, so we should keep it until that changes. Dawn and Mike Hines Jr. said they would keep it.

Richard Hiltz didn't have much to report for his vice president's report, but he does have ideas. He noticed that the facebook activity on M4x4A's page is increasing. He's seeing other club's facebook pages have a lot of 4x4 sales show up on their pages, but those aren't allowed on M4x4A's page. There are about 200 people following the M4x4A facebook page. Richard tries to add photos from club events to M4x4A's page. Photos

tend to get 500-600 hits. Richard thought the website would need a lot of work to revamp it. Destry added that he has ideas for the website, and anyone wanting to work on a committee with them to update the website can let him know. Richard also reported that he went on a trail ride with Willie Worthy, and the Montana Backroads club has good meeting attendance, but not good trail ride attendance. He was encouraged that the club would come back and join M4x4A in time.

Dawn Hines passed out her treasurer report. Roger motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Vern seconded, the motion passed. Dawn reported that she had received a letter from the IRS about miss filing a non-profit form in 2011, which had a fine of \$1400. She wrote them a letter and the fine was for-

given, but because of the missed deadline, the 990EZ form was no longer available to her to fill out, she then had to fill out the long form that took some time. She later found out it could have been done quickly with a phone call. She advises all the clubs be sure to not to forget to fill out the proper non-profit paperwork every year. To have to resubmit paperwork to redo their non-profit status could be expensive. Dawn also reported that she has put together a Treasurer Operating Procedures for future treasures that includes important deadlines, dues, mileage, and convention. She emailed Stacey a copy for the secretary files as well. (Secretaries note: the IRS Form 990 is the tax document that tax-exempt nonprofit organizations must file each year with the

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that the capacity of agencies to manage recreation safely and adequately on public lands does not diminish. The plan looks at Montana's existing outdoor recreation facilities and resources, growing

### Club Contact Info

#### Region 1 - RVP Vern Ball

##### Magic City 4x4

PO Box 21241, Billings, MT 59104, mc4w.com — Meet first Monday of each month, 6:30 pm., at El Corral Restaurant, 4907 Southgate Drive, Billings

##### Rimrock 4x4

PO Box 361, Billings, MT 59103  
Meet third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm., at the Rod and Gun Club, on Saddleback Trail, Billings

#### Region 4 - RVP

#### Region 5 - RVP Alex Tyhurst

##### Frontier 4-Wheelers

PO Box 7011  
Helena, MT 59604  
www.m4x4a.org/frontier  
Meet first Wednesday of each month, 7 pm., in the meeting room at The Staggering Ox Restaurant, 400 Euclid Ave., in Helena

#### Region 7 - RVP Jim Young

##### Continental 4 Wheel

##### Drive Association

Meets last Monday of each month, 7 pm., at Legion Oasis Recreation Hall, 2400 Hill Ave., Butte.

#### Region 6 - RVP

##### Mountaineers

PO Box 951,  
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bozemanmountaineers.org  
Meet second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm.,  
Korner Klub in 4-Corners,  
8191 Huffine Ln., Bozeman

#### Region 8 - RVP Dick Riebe

#### Region 9 - RVP Nancy Hines

##### Big Sky 4-Wheelers

Meet first Monday of each month, 7 pm., at the old Lasalle School, on the corner of Pioneer Road and Helena Flats, Kalispell

##### Skyliners 4 Wheel Drive Club

PO Box 1416, Polson, MT 59860, skyliners4x4.com  
Meets first Tuesday of each month, 7 pm., at the VFW in Polson, at 423 Main St.

demands for recreation activities, and evaluates national and state trends.

In addition to its value as a planning document, the completion of a SCORP continues Montana's eligibility for the stateside Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program, a federally funded program that has supported community recreation projects in Montana communities since 1965 and is administered by Montana State Parks.

Today, Montana receives approximately \$300,000 in federal

funding per year for local community grants. Recent LWCF projects include the acquisition of park land on Mount Ascension in Helena and development of a city swimming pool in Malta.

The Montana State Parks & Recreation Board proposed that the draft SCORP be made available for a 30-day public comment.

The 2014-2018 SCORP can viewed on the Montana State Parks website, public comment page, direct link here: [http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/board/pn\\_0002.html](http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/board/pn_0002.html)

We invite the public to review the draft plan and provide comments to Montana State Parks by Monday, November 18 at 5pm.

The public is asked to comment online at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) — click on 'submit comments' on the right hand task bar - or by direct link: [http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/board/pn\\_0002.html](http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/board/pn_0002.html)

The public can also send comments by mail to: Montana Draft 2014-2018 SCORP Public Comment, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

## 2013-2014 M4x4A Event Dates

*Please include contact information and phone numbers for any event added.*

*All dates and times subject to change.*

*Contact the hosting organization if you have questions.*

November 2, 2013 — Bozeman Mountaineers Trail Ride to McKelvey Lake, leave 4-Corners at 8:30 am.

November 20, 2013 — Bozeman Mountaineer meeting with the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm.

November 29, 2013 — Magic City 4-Wheelers participating in the Holiday Parade, downtown Billings

December 7, 2013 — Bozeman Mountaineers Christmas Tree Run up Little Bear

December 8, 2013 — Magic City 4-Wheelers Annual Christmas Tree Fun Run, 8 meet at Reese and Ray's IGA in Laurel (take I-90 Exit 434), 8 am.

January 25, 2014 — Big Sky Four Wheelers Snow Bash 2014

February 2, 2014 — M4x4A Delegates Meeting, 10 am., location TBA — Convention Bids due at this meeting, nomination of officers opens

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### NEEDED!

I'm looking for a Dana 20 transfer case ---for a 1975 Jeep CJ-5 with a V8 and four speed.  
Jerry Gran, Phone 1-406-860-9732

**No Conservation reports have been submitted for 2013. Get your reports turned in by Jan. 1, 2014 to earn your patches!**

## Conservation Projects Need To Be Advertised

Clubs must give thirty days advance notice for conservation projects to earn a patch! Send your project information to the M4x4A Secretary - email [spidycats@q.com](mailto:spidycats@q.com), with 30 days advance notice so she can get information about your project sent to members, and so it will qualify as a State or Regional conservation project! Regional Conservation projects are those done by one club. State Conservation Projects are those done by two or more clubs.

Following your conservation projects, you must send a report to the M4X4A Secretary. It should include: When and Where, who participated (please state what club the member belongs to). Include what was done during the project. You can send photos too! Some projects will not qualify as a conservation project, such as, highway cleanup projects or other civic duty projects, such as park cleanups.

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The Skyliners posted a photo on their facebook page from their Oct. 20th trail ride with the Big Sky 4-Wheelers of the Tamarack trees at peak color on Blacktail.

## Big Sky 4-Wheelers report

The Big Sky 4-Wheelers have been busy working with the Forest Service and the Island Unit Collaborative. The last round of grand money issued for work on the trail is still under the direction of the Forest

Service on what work can be done.

A club run was planned for Oct. 20 with the Skyliners.

They are also busy planning the Snow Bash, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 25.

## Magic City 4-Wheelers Plan for Christmas Parade, Trees

The Magic City 4x4 club took a trip to Anthony Miller's land in October to put up signs and boundary markers on his property before rifle hunting season opened. They had a fun day.

The club has plans to participate in the Downtown Billings Holiday Parade on Friday, Nov.

29. They will be decorating the weekend before on Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 am., at the Tint Factory in Billings.

They will do their annual Christmas Tree Fun Run on Sunday, Dec. 8. They'll meet at the IGA in Laurel at 8 am.

We wish Dale Hert a speedy recovery after his hospital stay.

## Rimrock 4x4 Posts Middle Fork Trail Video on YouTube

Some members from the Rimrock 4x4 club went on a trail ride to the Middle Fork Trail in the Little Belts. They posted a slide show of the Sep-

tember run on YouTube for anyone interested in seeing it (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtFed1TBaxY>)

## Continental Club To Plan For Holiday Party, Christmas Tree Run

Continental 4-Wheel Drive Association members are encouraged to attend their next meeting on Nov. 25, 7 pm. to help discuss the Holiday Party,

Christmas Tree Run, and Chili Fun Day. Make a difference... attend the meetings.

They had a snow run on October 19th to the Highlands.

## Bozeman Mountaineers Plan Nov., Dec. Runs, Meet with Fairgrounds

The Mountaineers will be going on a club run Nov. 2nd to McKelvey Lake. We'll leave 4-Corners at 8:30. That should put us in Norris at 9:30 or so for those folks that want to meet there. Our Christmas tree run will be Dec. 7th up Little Bear. We'll probably rent the cabin again for those folks that need a break from the climate.

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds (FG) is currently reviewing their Master Plan. Motorsports (MS) are not currently in the long range forecast apparently. We've known that the FG's plans included making the Motorsports Area a parking lot if they get their new Event Center funding, but it looks like they might do something even sooner because the area is not utilized enough. There is a little

bit of a Catch22 there because the baseball and horse people don't want a motorsports event going on when they are doing their thing and there is no lighting in the MS area to extend our hours of operation. There is another meeting coming up on November 20 at 5:30PM for those interested.

At some point all of our events will have to be somewhere else; hopefully we can find and develop an area before we have to cancel a year or more worth of events.

Our November meeting is election of officers. I suggest Mountaineer members show up so you don't get railroaded! I'll see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

Blair Howze  
Region 6 RVP

# DJR Engraving

Dick Riebe

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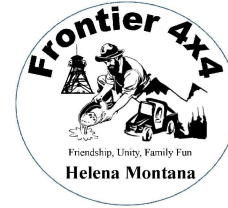
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Like seeing your club in this newsletter? Send in reports, photos, events by the 25th of the month for next month's newsletter. I encourage clubs to appoint a club member to be your "club reporter." Also - if you know of something happening in your National Forest that members should know about, please share! Send them to Stacey Osborne, Secretary, [spidycats@q.com](mailto:spidycats@q.com)

**Frontier 4x4 Club**  
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Well, we have another October pretty much in the bag. Around Helena we got a few opportunities to do some early snow wheeling up in the Tizer Basin with about 14" of snow at the time. That was fun...decent snow and warm enough for Jim to be in shorts. We did not get out quit as much as usual this month as we had a number of other commitments. Of course, three of us traveled down to the M4x4A Quarterly Meeting but were unable to join in on the trail ride after.

We took some time to help some friends off -trail. We helped a friend from another club install his lift. We helped another Frontier member fix a rough running engine and changed a transmission for another club member. We don't have to be on the trail together to have a great time.

Our October Monthly club run was tentatively set for another Tizer's trip but the lack of snow up there caused us to rethink the destination. With the weather so good on the 20th, we opted for a run over Hay Canyon but taking the Beaver Slide turnoff. It was a good choice. 6 rigs would make the trip and we had a great time. This was an all Jeep run as our token Toyota was missing in action on this trip. David, where were you?? We haven't seen the Suzuki on the trail in some time and are considering filing a missing persons report with the local PD. Lol



With hunting season upon us, we don't have any other trail rides scheduled for the time being. Our next meeting is Wednesday November 6th. If you are in the area, drop in. Detail will be on the Frontier 4 Wheelers Facebook page.

Have fun...

Be Safe...

And pick up some trash while your at it!!



## A LITTLE LESS SHOCK...A LITTLE MORE AWE

Over the course of hundreds of 4x4 outings one tends to get the feel for certain tools and accessories which will make the tough times better and stand out among the clutter. One of these accessories I have come to be a great fan of is the kinetic energy recovery rope.

I have read lots of articles pro and con on these verses the standard nylon “snatch strap” and there are some strange reasoning at times for one side or the other. However, I am speaking from my personal experience as well as that of a good number of friends who have all become converts to kinetic recovery.

Personally, one of the only down sides I can see in converting to kinetic rope is the considerable cost difference. My 30' x 4", 30,000 pound recovery strap cost me \$19.00 (on sale at Murdochs) but is generally around \$45.00. My 30' x 1" kinetic rope by Masterpull costs about \$130.00 now (though I paid a little more) and is rated at 33,500 pounds. Many snatch straps have little if any stretch with some of the better ones having only around 5 to 10% stretch. On the other hand, most kinetic recovery ropes have around 30% stretch and create a substantially higher amount of stored energy. The ropes are not particularly well suited for towing on pavement in a general sense as they do not hold up well to that kind of abrasion. But for snatching a snowbound rig out, they are just what the doctor ordered.

Amazingly, in many of the articles I have read, one of the few negatives, beyond price, some people come up with against rope is space. I can't believe the argument that a rope takes up more space than a strap. Oh, it *is* true but using up a few more inches of space to have a FAR superior tool which does less damage to vehicles and occupants while providing more effective recoveries just seems like an easy tradeoff in my book.

I have certainly been pulled out of a lot of holes with a standard nylon recovery strap. It, as we all know, works. It is great in those situations where the recovery vehicle has solid ground, good traction and the stuck rig is not really all that stuck. Then you just take up the slack slowly and use brute strength or *hopefully* small “tugs” to pull the stuck rig out. But the truth is, such perfect conditions seldom happen when wheeling in conditions where a “stuck” occurs. It is more often that the recovery rig, also on loose ground or snow, has to back up and gets a running start effectively smashing against the seemingly solid strap when the slack is gone using the momentum of the recovery rig to YANK the stuck rig loose. Both rigs and their occupants are subjected to what is essentially a violent impact and shock. Most of us know we had better have our teeth, hats, glasses and such on/in securely or we are going to lose them when the SHOCK of using a standard strap occurs in such conditions.

On the other hand, in those times when one rig is quite stuck and there is poor traction for the recovery rig to use, this is the perfect time for a kinetic rope. With a properly rated kinetic rope you can use the much more substantive “rubber band effect” of a kinetic rope to do most of the work for you with a lot less shock to all involved. This does a number of things. The “impact” of a standard nylon snatch strap does not really exist with a kinetic rope when used properly. Not only do you not get practically yanked out of your seat but your vehicle does not receive that metal bending and teeth loosening YANK either. If the recovery vehicle is on un-solid ground such as snow, the recovery vehicle can build up a bit more speed to stretch the rope and then just let off the gas or even hit the brakes after you have stretched the rope and thereby built up substantial kinetic energy. The kinetic energy of the up to 30% stretch will often pull a stuck vehicle right out and the recovery vehicle does not need to spin their wheels to do the job. Not spinning your wheels in snow just may be the difference between performing a recovery and ending up needing recovered yourself.

Overall, I have found the use of a kinetic rope to be far superior at getting rigs un-stuck. Doing it with less damage to both vehicles and their drivers is an equally great benefit. Among our group of snow wheelers here in Helena, it is common for new people to become instant converts to the benefits of Kinetic ropes once pulled out a time or two. If you get the chance to try a kinetic rope this winter, do so. Odds are, you too will become an instant convert to the benefits of kinetic energy recovery ropes.

Richard Hiltz

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IRS. Small nonprofits with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less must file 990-N – the new electronic form – e-postcard, to maintain their exempt status.)

Stacey Osborne gave her secretaries report – M4x4A currently has 166 memberships. Membership cards are also done and have been given to their club representatives at the meeting. It is up to the club to get those cards to all of their members. Members-at-Large will be mailed.

Region 1 – Vern Ball reported that Magic City 4x4 has been busy with trail rides. They also have four new memberships – mostly family. They received the best theme award at the Laurel Fourth of July Parade. They plan on doing the Holiday Parade in Billings the end of November. Rimrock 4x4 is doing well, and has had guests at their meetings. Rimrock doesn't know yet if there will be another Jeep Jamboree in the Big Horns, they may get one more year out of it. Jeep Jamboree has added a couple more events at the same time that took participants away. Richard Hiltz questioned if Jeep Jamboree would give M4x4A members a discount because of the club hosting the event. Vern stated that those who help and lead trails do get a discount. Jeep Jamboree costs about \$250 per rig/driver for a 2-day event. Magic City's facebook has a lot of activity. A couple of their new members learned about Magic City from facebook. They try to be consistent with what they post. The guest at our July meeting, Stephen Baynes, went on a trail ride with the club and he kept going off-road to pose pictures of his rig. Vern warned him several times. He warned other clubs, that if he goes with you on a trail ride, you would really have to babysit him. Vern also asked him to take down posted pictures he took when he was off road. We really have to police our own – people like that make our organizations look bad. He

had also been drinking. He left the group ticked off.

Richard Hiltz said that if a club needs a link from the M4x4A website to their facebook page, let him know. Also if clubs post photos they want shared on the M4x4A facebook page, they need to be made public for him to share them – and he may also ask for permission to use some photos. Photos really grab people's interest.

Destry thanked Vern for letting the association know about Baynes, we have to work together to take care of those kinds of things. Vern replied that it is up to us to educate them. You can't worry about how you will look, or what they will think of you, or being the bad guy – it just needs to be done. Michelle Ball added that Magic City has made sure that their members know about trail etiquette and what to do to report miss-use. Richard Hiltz said that is why they try to control who are guests on their trail rides, until they know them better. Quality is better than quantity.

Region 4 – Destry reported that he talked with a member of Cascade, and they mostly discussed the future, rather than the past. He was told that there was some animosity in the club from the letter M4x4A received, and what was actually intended. Destry was encouraged that once the conflict within the club is smoothed over; they would renew their membership with M4x4A. The club does have several new members. They have been very frustrated with road closures, and they are very limited to what is open to wheel. Both Destry and Richard expressed that they would like to help them overcome past issues, and get them back in with the state association. Vern suggested that in the future, the state address things differently if there is a communication issue – like the issue with the convention Great Falls put on – it could have been handled much differently.

Region 5 – Richard Hiltz reported that Frontier is doing well. Their membership has

fluctuated, but they are still getting new members. They currently have two applications for new memberships. The club voted on a name change, which will be their assumed business name, but they are keeping their legal name. 4-wheelers brings an image of ATVs, and 4x4 is more representative of the club. The conservation project that they have been working towards likely won't be advertised for them to earn patches. They are working with the forest service, and it will be when it is convenient for them, so it will be short notice. Steve Settle asked why they have to wait on the forest service, and Richard replied that they need their permission and the forest service will be providing some of the materials. The forest service wants to work with the club on their project. Richard also added that it is real important to pick up trash on all your trail rides. Frontier's facebook page has a following in Pakistan. They have an event they call Frontier 4x4 event, so that has been fun. Frontier also has a new secretary.

Region 6 – Destry Walker reported that the Mountaineers did their top truck challenge. They had about 20 rigs. It was a fun day, and kind of mellow. They did tire sizes 36 and down and 36 and up. The fairgrounds are breaking ground on their expansion. The motorsports area will move. Destry wasn't sure on how it will all be arranged. Destry hopes more Mountaineers will be coming to the meeting. The trail ride after the meeting is going to North Meadow.

Region 7 – Jim Young reported that Continental is doing well. Their last trail ride in Sept. went to Bowman Lake. Erosion has changed the trail dramatically. One rig broke its trackbar, and they had to try to fix it on the trail. The fix only lasted a short time and the rig had to be left and retrieved later. Jim recommends all clubs pay close attention to the rig following them. The broke rig was out of site for nearly an hour before anyone realized it. Continental

is still pursuing their off-road park out of Ramsey. They are working on a lease with the landowner. They have several new members. One single gal has a new Jeep, which has eye-lashes! Her rig got broke in on a trail ride, but she hasn't quit! They participated in a show and shine, which had their trail rigs sitting next to some fancy high-end cars. Their next trail ride is Saturday, Oct. 19.

Region 8 – Richard Hiltz reported that he thinks the Montana Backroads club stepping away from M4x4A is only short term, and is encouraged they will renew their membership with M4x4A.

Region 9 – Nancy Hines reported that the Skyliners haven't been on trail rides lately. They did go on a float trip and had a BBQ. Their next trail ride will be with the Big Sky club up to Wild Bill. They do have a new member. They are planning on participating in the Christmas parade and have planned their Christmas party. They are also hoping to do the parade in Ronan. Their club is getting more visible in their community. Big Sky 4-Wheelers is gearing up for their Jan. 25 Snow Bash. on Black Tail. They have a raffle, dinner, and it is a great time. Both clubs are working with other user groups on the Black Tail Wild Bill expansion project. Steve Settle added that Big Sky will also participate in the parades coming up in Kalispell and Whitefish.

Steve Settle spoke about the Black Tail Wild Bill expansion project. The project was appealed by the Wildland CPR and a local resident. The appeal was dropped after negotiations, which requires that the forest service work with the groups involved. The collaborative group includes the Skyliners and Big Sky 4-Wheelers, the Forest Service, the upset resident, a bike group, cross country skiers, and Wildlands CPR, which has since merged with WildEarth Guardians. WildEarth Guardians is based out of Santa Fe, NM, and has a

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similar pooling of resources – they also have 3 attorneys on staff. The Wild Bill Collaborative group has the authority to start a brushing project. They are getting some funding from a grant. The money from M4x4A was very helpful, and they used it to spray weeds. They were thanked by both the Forest Service and wilderness group for spraying the weeds. They plan on constructing both motorized and non-motorized trails, which should be open by mid summer, 2014. The ATV trail is just an old road, and doesn't even resemble an ATV trail. With the influx of side-by-side rigs, Big Sky 4-Wheelers is welcoming them into their club. The club hopes to influence them with proper trail etiquette. There are more of them, then there are of us. We can use their input with the Forest Service. All of the Forest Service in Region 1 (which is Northern Idaho, Montana and North Dakota) is going through Forest Service Plan Revisions. It is very important that the motorized community get involved so we have input. They will be trying to take more away. This will also effect mining, timber production, and coal mining. The Forest Service is duty bound by law to give consideration to the majority of those who comment – numbers are important. The ratio of non-motorized to motorized is something like 5:8:1 – so, to get more consideration, motorized needs to give more positive input. Richard Hilts added that the Forest Service gets tied down by the green folks, who utilize all their time and resources. Richard also stated that green groups really watch our facebook pages and websites, looking for stuff to use against us. Steve continued that their Forest Service moderator for the collaborative group is “pro-green.” Has even provided transportation for them to the meetings. Mike Hines Sr. added that it isn't a normal collaborative group – it is forced. A lawsuit agreement is hanging

over them as leverage. 100% of the group has to support plans for them to be forwarded for recommendation to the Forest Service. Steve said that wouldn't happen because of the split. The green groups brag that they have closed 40,000 miles of motorized use trails. We need to remind ourselves and other motorized users the need to participate in the process or we will lose.

Richard Hilts reported that he looked into where the license plate money has gone. The Wilderness Society made about \$60,000, the CBU plate made \$90,000. He was surprised by the difference, and that CBU had more. Vern Ball stated that he thinks it represents what Montana means to people, because he doesn't think everyone knows who the plate benefits financially – like the open land plate. Richard continued that the University of Montana Griz plate made \$366,000, and the Elk Foundation was the top seller. Richard thanked Don Gordon who provided the information.

Discussion was held on license plates. Mike Hines Jr. stated that if M4x4A offered more plates to be purchased, we'd make that much more. He would even donate the design time. To do a plate the non-profit has to be a 501 3C. Discussion was held on what clubs were 3C and who was 4C. Dawn will look into M4x4A's status, but it was thought to be a 4C. CBU launched their plate in 2006, and it went under CBU because they were the 3C non-profit. Once more information on M4x4A's status is known, discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Richard Hiltz stated that CBU has been involved in getting a trail opened back up between Elkhorn and Boulder. CBU also had an attorney on staff. Steve Settle was interested in knowing that, and wondered if they could help with their Wild Bill issue.

4XForum – Stacey said it would be nice to get input from each club. What she gathers she takes from Facebook pages, and

she is unsure on how current it is. She is currently planning on doing the newsletter monthly.

Historian – Stacey has only added 4XForums lately.

Conservation – Richard encouraged everyone to be sure to pick up trash on every run you go on. Every little bit helps.

Bylaws – Destry said he is working on a bylaw that would stipulate that no one shares personal information of our members, for example to telemarketers. He plans on having it for the next meeting to be read.

Race Rules – Roger didn't have anything.

United Four Wheel Drive Associations (United) – Destry said he shared on facebook a questionnaire about OHV input on travel management plans.

CBU – already discussed.

New Business – Stacey reminded everyone that bids for convention are due at the next meeting. Nomination of officers will also open at the next meeting.

Steve Settle invited everyone to attend Big Sky 4-Wheeler's Snow Bash. The cost is \$40 for two meals. It is fun. There will be dinner, a raffle, and wheeling. It is free to participate, the cost is for the dinner only. There will be around 3 different runs to accommodate different size rigs.

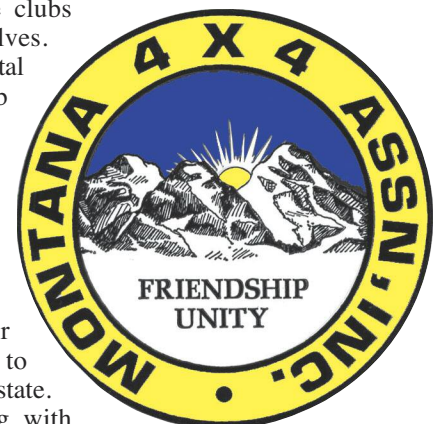
Richard Hiltz asked if M4x4A had a logo flag that clubs could borrow to display at various events, like parades. Stacey responded that there is a heavy banner that is available. Richard said he'd like to see the Association purchase a flag or two, it would help promote the state association, while clubs are promoting themselves. Jim Young said Continental recently purchased club flags that are about 3x5. Cost them about \$30, not including hardware (like the pole). Stacey thought for that price the state could provide a M4x4A logo flag for each club to have, rather than figuring out how to transfer one around the state. Jim suggested checking with

each club to see if they wanted to have their club logo put on a flag, so they would have a matching flag the same size. Jim said they purchased theirs from an internet printer, he'll get the information to Destry. Destry said he'll find out costs and sizes. Discussion was held, and it was decided that it would be something the state association could do for clubs – purchase an M4x4A logo flag and club logo flag for each M4x4A club. Richard, with input from Jim, made a motion to purchase one M4x4A logo flag and one club logo flag for each M4x4A club, with a spending limit of \$800, but if the price exceeds \$800, the M4x4A board of directors can authorize more funds. Roger Osborne seconded, and the motion carried. Destry will contact each club to get their club logo once he knows the specifics on what the printer would need. Stacey said she had M4x4A's logo.

Discussion was held on the location of the next meeting. Nancy Hines commented that it would be nice to have the meeting more centrally located, since it is a long ways for Region 9 to come. Jim Young will look into meeting places in Butte and Whitehall for the next meeting. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 2, at 10 am. Location will be announced.

Roger Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Young seconded, and the meeting concluded at about 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Stacey Osborne, M4x4A Sec.





## New Dates for Close of the Comment Periods on BLM Planning Efforts As A Result of the Federal Government Shutdown

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas announces the new date for the close of the comment period for several planning documents throughout the three states.

The BLM initially scheduled 90 days for comment on the North Dakota Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan

Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement, ending on December 26, 2013. Due to the lapse in appropriations and the resulting Federal government shutdown, the documents were not available on the BLM website from October 1 through October 16, 2013. Accordingly, the new date for the close of the comment period is now January 13, 2014.

Additional planning efforts that have new comment period deadlines are the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Prescribed Fire Preliminary Environmental Assessment now closing on November 4, and the Golden Asset Mine Access Road Right-of-Way Application Environmental Assessment, closing on November 1. Also, comments on a proposed project

planning effort in the Missouri River Foothills are now due by November 12.

Public involvement is an essential and required part of the planning process, and comments submitted by the new dates will be considered before the BLM makes a final decision.

## New Updated Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Visitor Maps Now Available

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest announces that new updated forest maps are now available for purchase. "The maps have been going through revisions to provide the most current information about roads, trails, recreation sites,

management areas and access," said Acting Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia. "Many people have been waiting patiently for the new maps to arrive."

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF maps are divided into three different maps; north, central

and south.

The south map has been available, but the north and central maps are the most recent and have just arrived from the printers. The waterproof maps are \$10 each and available for purchase from Forest Service of-

fices in Dillon, Butte, Whitehall, Ennis, Philipsburg, Deer Lodge, Sheridan, Wisdom and Wise River. Maps are also available online at: [www.nationalforeststore.com](http://www.nationalforeststore.com). For more information contact your nearest Forest Service Office.

## Bass Creek Recreation Area to Open Friday in Bitterroot National Forest

The Stevensville Ranger District is planning to open the Bass Creek Recreation Area this Friday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. The area has been closed since May to allow logging operations to occur. Pyramid Mountain Lumber of Seeley Lake has completed thinning on 765-acres within the recreation site to improve forest health and protect the areas large and distinctive ponderosa pine trees from mountain pine beetles.

"I know everyone is anxious to get back on the trails and I am grateful for the public's patience and cooperation this summer," said Stevensville District Ranger Dan Ritter. "I'm very pleased that we could get the heavy equipment parts of this project finished in just one season."

Crews are completing soil rehabilitation work this week on some of the skid trails. All of the logs, nearly 4 million board feet of timber (1,100 truckloads)

have been hauled to the Pyramid mill in Seeley Lake. The final piece of the project, planting native shrubs and ground cover will occur next spring.

The area was a high priority for treatment because of its high levels of public use and increased levels of pine beetle mortality. The Bass Creek Recreation Area west of Stevensville, is one of the most popular areas on the Bitterroot National Forest with horseback

riders, hikers, and mountain bikers. The area is visited by more than 50,000 people annually. Along with improving forest health, the project also reduced hazardous fuels and fire hazards.

For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461. Stay in touch with the Bitterroot National Forest through [www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot](http://www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot) and [www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF](http://www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF).

## Condon Mountain Fire Salvage Project Field Trip in Flathead Rescheduled

Flathead National Forest employees are conducting an informational field trip in connection with the proposed Condon Mountain Fire Salvage Project. The field trip will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 beginning at 1:00 PM and lasting approximately two hours. Please

meet at the Condon Work Station at 1:00 PM. The field trip will then proceed to the fire area. This fire burned approximately 5,500 acres in the summer of 2012. The Forest Service is proposing some salvage harvest within a portion of the fire area. Resource specialists will be

available to answer questions about the project's objectives and possible outcomes.

The impending environmental analysis can be found on the Flathead National Forest internet at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/flathead/landmanage->

ment/projects. Please pre-register for the field trip by notifying Michael Reichenberg at (406) 758-3529 or [mreichenberg@fs.fed.us](mailto:mreichenberg@fs.fed.us) by November 1 if you are interested in attending this field trip to insure enough hardhats will be available for attendees.

## Flathead Forest Plan Revision Orientation Meeting Set for December 5

The Flathead National Forest has begun revising its Forest Plan.

An Assessment Open House was held October 29, and an Orientation Meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 5:30-8:30 pm., at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's

Office. This meeting will serve as the formal kick-off of the collaborative process. More details to follow.

Since the release of the current Forest Land and Management Plan the Flathead's natural resources and the communities surrounding the Forest have

changed and new information and technologies are now available to help us analyze and plan on how to best manage the Forest into the future. We face different opportunities and challenges now than we did then. The new forest plan will be developed using the 2012 forest planning rule which

places greater emphasis on collaboration and public involvement than ever before. While we have good relationships with many of our partners, stakeholders, neighbors and visitors we need more information and input to move forward with this important planning effort.



## Custer Gallatin National Forests Post Reminders for Hunters

With general hunting season approaching, the Custer Gallatin National Forests remind hunters and forest visitors to stay safe, be careful, and remember that travel management regulations are in place for both Forests.

Both the Custer and Gallatin National Forests have published Motorized Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) that represent the open or designated road and trail systems on both Forests. These free maps are available at local Ranger District offices, at some local businesses, and online at [www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer) or [www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin).

When visiting public lands please remember that people under the age of 18 need to wear a helmet if riding a motorcycle

or ATV, that certified weed free feed is required on National Forest System lands, and that food storage regulations are in place for the Gallatin National Forest and the Beartooth Ranger District on the Custer National Forest. Visitors are also asked to follow the Leave No Trace guidelines which include:

Planning ahead;

- Being prepared for the unexpected;
- Traveling and camping on durable surfaces;
- Disposing of waste properly
- Leaving what you find (except for trash)
- Minimizing campfire impacts; and
- Being considerate of other

visitors.

There are no fire restrictions on either Forest; however, some emergency road or trail closures are in effect so please check with your local Ranger District Office before heading out if you have questions.

"It is important to check local conditions, leave a route itinerary with someone at home, be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions and be aware of wildlife activity," said Marna Daley, Custer Gallatin National Forests Public Affairs Officer. "Bear activity continues at lower elevations so remember to carry bear spray and have it readily available, follow food storage regulations, and travel in groups

of 3 or more. These simple precautions can help reduce the chances of a negative encounter with a bear."

In Montana, National Forest visitors can report violations at any time to 1-800-TIP-MONT; in South Dakota, call 1-888-OVERBAG. These toll-free numbers are similar to the well-known Crimestoppers program and assist managers in apprehending those who abuse Montana and South Dakota's natural, historic, or cultural resources.

For more information please contact any Custer or Gallatin National Forest office or visit us online at [www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer) or [www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin).

## Gallatin National Forest Surveys Coming Your Way

While enjoying your national forest, you may see Forest Service employees wearing bright orange vests near signs that read "Traffic Survey Ahead". These folks are waiting to talk to you, so please pull over for an interview.

These well trained interviewers want to know about your visit to the national forest - all information you give is confidential and the survey is voluntary. Surveys are being conducted on the Gallatin National Forest until September 30, 2014

This on-going national forest survey has already been conducted twice on every National Forest in the country. We are now returning 5 years later to update the information previously gathered as well as to look at recreation trends over time. The information provides National Forest managers with an estimate of how many people recreate on federal lands and what activities they engage in while there, how satisfied people were with their visit, and the economic impact of your recreation visit on the local economy.

All responses are totally confidential, in fact a person's name is never written anywhere on the survey and takes just a few minutes. The questions visitors are asked include: where they recreated on the Forest, how many people they traveled with, how long they were on the Forest, what other recreation sites they visited while on the Forest, and how satisfied they were with the facilities and services provided. About a third of the visitors will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip.

"We sure would appreciate it if visitors would pull up and answer a few questions," said Kimberly Schlenker, Gallatin Forest Recreation Program Manager. "Even if you answered the survey questions once already, we would like to talk to you about each of your national forest visits, so if you see us out there again, please stop for another interview."

If you have any questions about this program you can visit our web site at [www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum)

## Recreation Event Permit Open Season Announced for Missoula District

The Missoula Ranger District "open season" for recreation event proposals will begin next month, with proposals being accepted from November 1, 2013 to January 15, 2014. During open season interested individuals or groups are invited to submit proposals for permits to hold recreation events on the Missoula Ranger District in 2014. A Recreation Event Special Use Permit is required for events that charge a fee for participation, have paid staff, or where commercial products or activities are promoted. Outfitter and guide services are not included in the Recreation Event permitting

process.

To maximize efficiency in processing the applications and scheduling events the district moved to an open season application process in 2009. The open season is designed to best meet the needs of the public with available resources and the objectives of:

- Opportunity for interested parties to apply for special use permits
- Appropriate, high quality recreation opportunities for the public
- Comply with standards for resource protection

According to district offi-

cials, proposals are evaluated based on resource impact, resource conditions in the proposed event area, availability of various types of events in the area, public need, and compliance with the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan.

According to district recreation specialists, permitted events are typically required to provide garbage removal and in some cases restroom facilities. Off-trail activities are not permitted and events may be limited when soils are wet to prevent resource damage. Forest officials also seek to manage the permitting process to avoid con-

gestion at recreation areas that already receive heavy use.

Proponents should submit a one page proposal that includes the activity, proposed location, proposed date, the number of participants, anticipated number of spectators, parking needs, a map and any needed facilities. Applicants are also asked to be as detailed as possible in their proposals. Proposals should be directed to Al Hilshey at [ahilshey@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahilshey@fs.fed.us) or can be mailed to the Missoula Ranger District, Building 24A Fort Missoula, Missoula, Montana 59804.

## Hunting in the Helena National Forest and Wilderness Areas

Forest officials would like to remind hunters, as well as all forest visitors, of some regulations and safety tips before venturing out the National Forest this fall.

“We encourage folks to explore their national forests as often as they can; but we want them to do so safely,” Kathy Bushnell, forest public affairs officer, said. “An easy way to do that is to visit one of our offices in Helena, Townsend or Lincoln to get the latest information about forest conditions, closures or other important information before heading out there.”

It is important that all visitors, especially hunters, are familiar with the regulations for firearms while on National Forest System lands. The regulation states that individuals are prohibited from

- Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury or damaging property as follows:

- In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or

- Across or on a National Forest System road or body of

water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge; or

- Into or within any cave

Individuals who do not comply with these regulations may be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or up to six months in jail.

Hunters and all off-highway vehicle users need to comply with designated travel routes in the Elkhorns, Big Belts and other areas of the Helena National Forest. Motorized use is only allowed on designated routes. If the route is not shown as a designated route on the travel map, it is closed to wheeled motorized vehicles. In the Wilderness areas, no motorized vehicles or equipment, and no mechanized wheeled vehicles or equipment (including wagons, carts and/or bicycles) are allowed to be utilized within the Wilderness boundary.

Campsites on the Helena National Forest and in the Wilderness areas are available on a first-come, first-serve basis with a 14 cumulative-day stay limit. Hunters can relocate their campsites after that 14-day stay limit,

as long as the new site is at least five air miles from the previous site. Regardless of the purpose or duration, nobody can “cache”—or otherwise store—their equipment, personal items, pet or livestock food or other supplies in the Wilderness area boundaries.

While camping in grizzly bear habitat, specifically on the Lincoln Ranger District, visitors need to follow all food storage order requirements. Below are food storage order details:

- human, pet and livestock food, and garbage, must be stored in a bear-resistant manner; and

- wildlife carcasses that are within a ½-mile of any camp or sleeping area must be stored in a bear-resistant manner during nighttime hours; burnable attractants must not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire.

To help ensure that Wilderness areas remain pristine and natural, and so future visitors can enjoy their backcountry experience, be sure to follow the “Leave No Trace: Pack It In, Pack It Out” principles. All backcountry recreationists need to pack out their garbage, left-

over livestock food and debris.

When travelling by or with livestock into the Wilderness, visitors need to ensure they are using certified weed-seed-free hay and using only the block-form of salt for the livestock.

All of the regulations mentioned above are authorized by special orders enacted by the Helena National Forest Supervisor.

We want your trip into the Forest or Wilderness to be a memorable and safe one. Be sure that you have an updated map, know the road or trail conditions, know predicted weather forecasts, bring extra gear and equipment, and tell someone where you are going.

As a safety precaution, the recent high sustained and gusty wind conditions have caused trees to fall across roadways and in other areas throughout the forest, so be aware of your surroundings especially among standing dead or dying trees.

If you have questions or want more specific information on the regulations, please contact your local Forest Service office and/or visit our website at [www.fs.usda.gov/helena/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/helena/).

## Lolo Forest Supervisor Debbie Austin to Retire After 35 Year Career

Lolo National Forest Supervisor Debbie Austin, who began her career as a 19 year old firefighter in Northern California, announced to her employees yesterday that she will be retiring in January. Austin has been the Lolo Forest Supervisor since 1999.

Debbie’s interest in natural resource management began with spending much of her youth riding her horses in the mountains of California. Her job as a firefighter on the Tahoe National Forest in 1978 inspired her to pursue a career with the Forest Service. The experiences she gained there, and the lessons she learned, helped shape her leadership principles and commitment to employees.

Austin earned degrees in wildlife management and biology from Humboldt State Uni-

versity in California in 1982. She accepted an intern position on the Modoc National Forest in 1980 as a wildlife biologist trainee and became a permanent employee in 1983 after earning her degrees. Subsequent positions included:

- 1985 — Fish and Wildlife Biologist on the Saugus Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest.

- 1987 — Staff Program Manager for fisheries, wildlife, watershed, soils and botany on the North Bend Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

- 1991 — District Ranger, Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest.

- 1995 — Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Austin’s career has taken her

to some of the most varied landscapes and ecosystems in the western United States, something she has valued greatly.

“I have had the wonderful opportunity to help manage such amazing natural resources,” Austin said. “But whether I was outside of Los Angeles or in the remote corners of the rural west, one common theme was present...people really care about their National Forests. Working together with people who have diverse interests to manage these lands for present and future generations has been the highlight of my career!”

Natural Resource management has evolved a lot in the past 35 years and Austin believes these changes have been positive. One of the things she is most proud of is bringing people of varying interests and back-

grounds together in collaborative processes to help make better, more informed and supported land management decisions. “When people sit down and talk with each other we often find out that we have more in common than not,” she said. “It is working through issues together that has not only been the most fulfilling part of my career, but it’s also going to have a lasting benefit on the land.”

Austin said her immediate plans when she walks out the door of the Forest Supervisors Office in January will include more time with her family and taking advantage of the recreation opportunities of Montana. She said she plans to stay involved in the Missoula community as well.



## WEBSITE DIRECTORY

Montana 4x4 Association (M4x4A) — [www.m4x4a.org](http://www.m4x4a.org)  
 Divide Ride — [www.montanadivideride.com](http://www.montanadivideride.com)  
 Blue Ribbon Coalition — [www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org)  
 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) — [www.blm.gov/mt](http://www.blm.gov/mt) [www.facebook.com/BLMMontana](https://www.facebook.com/BLMMontana)  
 Citizens for Balanced Use (CFBU) — [www.balanceduse.org](http://www.balanceduse.org)  
 Families for Outdoor Recreation (FFOR) — [www.ffor.org](http://www.ffor.org)  
 Leave No Trace — <http://lnt.org>  
 Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks — [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)  
 Montanas for Multiple Use — [www.mtmultipleuse.org](http://www.mtmultipleuse.org)  
 Montana National Forests — [www.fs.fed.us/recreation/map/state\\_list.shtml#Montana](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/map/state_list.shtml#Montana)  
 Montana Off Road Extreme Racing (MORE) — [www.montanaoffroadextreme.com](http://www.montanaoffroadextreme.com)  
 Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association — [www.mtvra.com](http://www.mtvra.com)  
 National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) — [www.nohvcc.org](http://www.nohvcc.org)  
 Northwest Wyoming OHV Alliance — <http://www.nwwyohva.org>  
 Ravalli County Off Road User Association — <http://www.rcorua.org>  
 Recreational Trails Program — <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/recTrailsProgram.html>  
 Trails in Trouble — [www.trailsintrouble.org](http://www.trailsintrouble.org)  
 Tread Lightly — [treadlightly.org](http://treadlightly.org)  
 Treasure State ATV Association — <http://www.tsatv.org>  
 Treasure State Resource Industry Association (formerly WETA) — [www.tsria.org](http://www.tsria.org)  
 United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA) — [www.ufwda.org](http://www.ufwda.org)  
 Yellowstone Off Road Racing (YORR) — [www.yorracing.com](http://www.yorracing.com)

### Montana 4x4 Association Clubs

Big Sky 4 Wheelers (KalisPELL) — [www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Sky-4-Wheelers/165148236890316/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Sky-4-Wheelers/165148236890316/)  
 Continental 4 Wheel Drive Association (Butte) — [www.facebook.com/pages/Continental-4-Wheel-Drive-Association/114850405209799](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Continental-4-Wheel-Drive-Association/114850405209799)  
 Frontier 4-Wheelers (Helena) — [www.facebook.com/Frontier4Wheelers](https://www.facebook.com/Frontier4Wheelers)  
 Magic City 4x4 (Billings) — [www.mc4w.com](http://www.mc4w.com)  
 Magic City 4x4 (Billings) — [www.facebook.com/groups/102015127323](https://www.facebook.com/groups/102015127323)  
 Mountaineers (Bozeman) — <http://bozemanmountaineers.org>  
 Mountaineers (Bozeman) — [www.facebook.com/Mountaineers](https://www.facebook.com/Mountaineers)  
 Rimrock 4x4 (Billings) — [www.facebook.com/groups/252774264811991](https://www.facebook.com/groups/252774264811991)  
 Skyliner 4x4 Club (Polson) — [www.skyliners4x4.com](http://www.skyliners4x4.com)  
 Skyliner 4x4 Club (Polson) — <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Skyliners-4-Wheel-Drive-Club/127378030787187>

### Other 4x4 Clubs

Beaverhead Backcountry Pioneers (Dillon) — <https://www.facebook.com/BeaverheadBackcountryPioneers>  
 Cascade County 4-Wheelers (Great Falls) — [www.facebook.com/groups/180129495357107](https://www.facebook.com/groups/180129495357107)  
 Five Valley Off Roaders (Missoula) — [www.facebook.com/fivevalleyoffroaders?group\\_id=0](https://www.facebook.com/fivevalleyoffroaders?group_id=0)  
 Montana Back Roads 4x4 (Missoula) — [www.montanabackroads.org](http://www.montanabackroads.org)  
 Montana Back Roads 4x4 (Missoula) — [www.facebook.com/pages/Montana-Back-Roads-4x4-Club/170805969642153](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montana-Back-Roads-4x4-Club/170805969642153)  
 Powell Valley 4-Wheelers — (Powell, WY) [powellvalley4wheelers.com](http://powellvalley4wheelers.com) [www.facebook.com/pv4wheelers?ref=ts&fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/pv4wheelers?ref=ts&fref=ts)

## How to contact your Congressman

- **Senator Max Baucus** (D-MT), 511 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2651 or online [www.baucus.senate.gov/contact/emailForm.cfm?subj=issue](http://www.baucus.senate.gov/contact/emailForm.cfm?subj=issue)
- **Senator Jon Tester** (D-MT), 706 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2644 or online [www.testersenate.gov/Contact/index.cfm](http://www.testersenate.gov/Contact/index.cfm)
- **Congressman Steve Daines**, (R-MT), 206 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-3211 or online <http://daines.house.gov>