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## Skyland/Challenge Area Closure for Over-Snow Vehicles

Closure Order Effective Immediately

KALISPELL, MT. –Effective immediately, the Flathead National Forest is closing the Skyland/Challenge area to Over Snow Vehicles for the rest of the 2014 season which ends May 14th. The Skyland/Challenge area is located on the Hungry Horse Ranger District.

The purpose of this temporary special closure order is for the protection of a grizzly bear and possibly cubs emerging from a den in the area. The closure is in response to the terms and conditions of Forest Plan Amendment 24 in consultation the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Snowmobilers can still access the Lost Johnny Area as an alternative riding area which is open until May 31.

For additional information please contact the Hungry Horse Ranger Station at (406) 387-3800.

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Attachment: Map of closure area

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