

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

**Authority: FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976
(Ref.: FSH 2709.11, section 41.53)**

GALLATIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 311 West Main, Bozeman, MT 59715 (hereinafter "the holder") is authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands in the Gallatin National Forest, subject to the terms and conditions of this special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers eleven-hundredths (.11) acre in the Middle Creek (aka Hyalite Creek) drainage/Hyalite Reservoir area, ("the permit area"), located in the W½ Section 15 and the NE¼ Section 9, T4S, R6E, PMM, Gallatin County, Montana, as shown on the map attached as Appendix A. This permit is issued for the purpose of the construction, operation, and maintenance of an Early Warning System used to detect and provide redundant notification of a failure of the Middle Creek Dam. The Early Warning System consists of three (3) sites with improvements on each:

Upper Gauging Station (N 45.48937 degrees W 110.97736 degrees NAD27 CONUS) comprised of a sensor array and transmitter,

Lower Gauging Station (N 45.50221 degrees, W 110.98455 degrees NAD27 CONUS) comprised of a sensor array and transmitter,

Repeater Site (N 45.48637 degrees, W 110.97946 degrees NAD27 CONUS) comprised of a receive/transmit repeater.

Each site consists of a small concrete pad, steel equipment enclosure, small tower with antenna, and solar panel. To detect abnormal water flows, from each gauging station a series of partially buried float sensors will be placed perpendicular to Middle Creek. The sensors for the Upper Gauging Station will stretch approximately one-hundred fifty (150) feet; the sensors for the Lower Gauging Station will stretch approximately two hundred (200) feet. The sensors will be connected to the gauging stations via buried electric transmission lines.

The three sites will be permanently fixed and in operation year-round.

Appendix B—Construction and Operation Plan and Appendix C—Grizzly Bear Management Protection Plan (Occupancy and Use Order #07-11-00-01) are also attached and made a part of this permit.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL TERMS

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended October 21, 1976 and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The authorized officer is the Forest or Grassland Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on **12/31/2040**, approximately 30 years from the date of issuance.

D. RENEWAL. This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit that would renew the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Applications for a new permit must be submitted at least 6 months prior to expiration of this permit. Renewal of the use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall be at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before renewing the use and occupancy authorized by this permit, the authorized officer shall require that (1) the use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the applicable land management plan; (2) the type of use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is the same as the type of use and occupancy authorized by this permit; and (3) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms and conditions when a new permit is issued.

E. AMENDMENT. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable forest land and resource management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215.

F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. In exercising the rights and privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

G. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE. The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation. The Forest Service reserves the right to allow others to use the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the authorized officer agree are necessary to protect the installation and operation of authorized temporary improvements, the lands and waters covered by this permit shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

H. ASSIGNABILITY. This permit is not assignable or transferable.

II. IMPROVEMENTS

A. LIMITATIONS ON USE. Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity, unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54. Approval of such a proposal through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

B. PLANS. All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional based on federal employment standards acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

B. CONSTRUCTION. Any construction authorized by this permit shall commence by **July 01, 2010** and shall be completed by **September 30, 2010**.

III. OPERATIONS.

A. PERIOD OF USE. Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least 365 days each year.

B. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS. The holder shall maintain the authorized improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer when deemed

necessary to meet statutory, regulatory, or policy requirements or to protect national forest resources. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

C. OPERATING PLAN. The holder shall provide an operating plan. The operating plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative and shall cover all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative prior to commencement of operations and shall be attached to this permit as an appendix (Appendix B). The authorized officer may require an annual meeting with the holder to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or operating plan, annual use reports, or other concerns either party may have.

D. INSPECTION BY THE FOREST SERVICE. The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and transmission facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder's obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to inspect the permit area or transmission facilities. A failure by the Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance with any of the terms and conditions of this permit.

IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT. This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

B. VALID OUTSTANDING RIGHTS. This permit is subject to all valid outstanding rights. Valid outstanding rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS. The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

D. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED. This permit does not provide for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection, search and rescue, or any other such service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

E. RISK OF LOSS. The holder assumes all risk of loss associated with use or occupancy of the permit area, including but not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If authorized temporary improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY. The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States. Damage includes but is not limited to fire suppression costs, damage to government-owned improvements covered by this permit, and all costs and damages associated with or resulting from the release or threatened release of a hazardous material occurring during or as a result of activities of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees on, or related to, the lands, property, and other interests covered by this permit. For purposes of clause IV.F and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

1. The holder shall avoid damaging or contaminating the environment, including but not limited to the soil, vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass), surface water, and groundwater, during the holder's use or occupancy of the permit area. If the environment or any government property covered by this permit becomes damaged during the holder's use or occupancy of the permit area, the holder shall immediately repair the damage or replace the damaged items to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States.

2. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression, prevention and control of the spread of invasive species, or other costs in connection with rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. Compensation shall include but not be limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, and all administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.I.

3. The holder shall be liable for damage caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to all roads and trails of the United States to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

G. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. The Holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any activity or condition arising out of or relating to the authorized use or occupancy that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to public health or the safety of the holder's employees or agents or harm to the environment (including areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources). The holder shall prevent impacts to the environment and cultural resources by implementing actions identified in the operating plan to prevent establishment and spread of invasive species. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with such activities. The responsibility to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use or occupancy authorized by this permit is solely that of the holder. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations and activities of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

H. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable, and including but not limited to those environmental laws listed in clause V.A of this permit; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release or threatened release of any solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, pollutant, contaminant, oil in any form, or petroleum product into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

J. BONDING. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish a surety bond or other security for any of the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of this permit or any applicable law, regulation, or order.

V. RESOURCE PROTECTION

A. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS. The holder shall in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.

B. VANDALISM. The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism and disorderly conduct and when necessary shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer.

C. PESTICIDE USE. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings to control undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, rodents, fish, and other pests and weeds without prior written approval from the authorized officer. A request for approval of planned uses of pesticides shall be submitted annually by the holder on the due date established by the authorized officer. The report shall cover a 12-month period of planned use beginning 3 months after the reporting date. Information essential for review shall be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests or weeds require control measures that were not anticipated at the time an annual report was submitted. Only those materials registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the specific purpose planned shall be considered for use on National Forest System lands. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers.

D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL-PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall leave these discoveries intact and in place until directed otherwise by the authorized officer. Protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer shall be the responsibility of the holder.

E. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION. In accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3002(d) and 43 CFR 10.4, if the holder inadvertently discovers human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on National Forest System lands, the holder shall immediately cease work in the area of the discovery and shall make a reasonable effort to protect and secure the items. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer by telephone of the discovery and shall follow up with written confirmation of the discovery. The activity that resulted in the inadvertent discovery may not resume until 30 days after the authorized officer certifies receipt of the written confirmation, if resumption of the activity is otherwise lawful, or at any time if a binding written agreement has been executed between the Forest Service and the affiliated Indian tribes that adopts a recovery plan for the human remains and objects.

F. PROTECTION OF HABITAT OF THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND SENSITIVE SPECIES. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., as amended, or identified as sensitive or otherwise requiring special protection by the Regional Forester under Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2670, pursuant to consultation conducted under section 7 of the ESA, may be shown on the ground or on a separate map. The map shall be attached to this permit as an appendix. The holder shall take any protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer. If protective and mitigative measures prove inadequate, if other sites within the permit area containing threatened, endangered, or sensitive species or species otherwise requiring special protection are discovered, or if new species are listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA or identified as sensitive or otherwise requiring special protection by the Regional Forester under the FSM, the authorized officer may specify additional protective and mitigative measures. Discovery of these sites by the holder or the Forest Service shall be promptly reported to the other party.

G. CONSENT TO STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include, or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

H. CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION

1. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153, Subpart B, and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, "oil" is as defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

2. Except with respect to any federally permitted release as that term is defined under Section 101(10) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(10), the holder shall clean up or otherwise remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs either in the permit area or in connection with the holder's activities in the permit area, regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform cleanup or remediation immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the cleanup or remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service free and clear of contamination.

I. CERTIFICATION UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION. If the holder uses or stores hazardous materials at the site, upon revocation or termination of this permit the holder shall provide the Forest Service with a report certified by a professional or professionals acceptable to the Forest Service that the permit area is uncontaminated by the presence of hazardous materials and that there has not been a release or discharge of hazardous materials upon the permit area, into surface water at or near the permit area, or into groundwater below the permit area during the term of the permit. This certification requirement may be waived by the authorized officer when the Forest Service determines that the risks posed by the hazardous material are minimal. If a release or discharge has occurred, the professional or professionals shall document and certify that the release or discharge has been fully remediated and that the permit area is in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

VI. LAND USE FEE AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES

A. LAND USE FEES. The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is exempt from a land use fee or **the land use fee has been waived** in full pursuant to 36 CFR 251.57(b)(1) and Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 30.

VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION

A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION. The authorized officer may revoke or suspend this permit in whole or in part:

1. For noncompliance with federal, state, or local law.
2. For noncompliance with the terms of this permit.
3. For abandonment or other failure of the holder to exercise the privileges granted.
4. With the consent of the holder.
5. For specific and compelling reasons in the public interest.

Prior to revocation or suspension, other than immediate suspension under clause VI.B, the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension. In the case of revocation or suspension based on clause VII.A.1, 2, or 3, the authorized officer shall give the holder a reasonable time, typically not to exceed 90 days, to cure any noncompliance.

B. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION. The authorized officer may immediately suspend this permit in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing. The holder may request an on-site review with the authorized officer's supervisor of the adverse conditions prompting the suspension. The authorized officer's supervisor shall grant this request within 48 hours. Following the on-site review, the authorized officer's supervisor shall promptly affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.

C. APPEALS AND REMEDIES. Written decisions by the authorized officer relating to administration of this permit are subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, as amended. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

D. TERMINATION. This permit shall terminate when by its terms a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time

occurs without any action by the authorized officer. Examples include but are not limited to expiration of the permit by its terms on a specified date and termination upon change of control of the business entity. Termination of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation. Termination of this permit is not subject to administrative appeal and shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

E. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT RENEWAL. Upon revocation or termination of this permit without renewal of the authorized use, the holder shall remove all structures and improvements, except those owned by the United States, within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer and shall restore the site to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all structures and improvements within the prescribed period, they shall become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all costs associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

B. CURRENT ADDRESSES. The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

C. SUPERIOR CLAUSES. If there is a conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any of the following clauses, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

D. NOXIOUS WEED/EXOTIC PLANT PREVENTION AND CONTROL (R1-D4). The holder shall be responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds and/or exotic plants of concern on the area authorized by this authorization and shall provide prevention and control measures prescribed by the Forest Service. Noxious weeds/exotic plants of concern are defined as those species recognized by (county weed authority/national forest) in which the authorized use is located.

The holder shall also be responsible for prevention and control of noxious weed/exotic plant infestations which are not within the authorized area, but which are determined by the Forest Service to have originated with the authorized area.

When determined to be necessary by the authorized officer, the holder shall develop a site-specific plan for noxious weed/exotic plant prevention and control. Such plan shall be subject to Forest Service approval. Upon Forest service approval, the noxious weed/exotic plant prevention and control plan shall become a part of this authorization, and its provisions shall be enforceable under the terms of this authorization.

F. GRIZZLY BEAR PROTECTION (R1-X10). This special-use authorization includes land which is part of the habitat of the grizzly bear. Therefore, in compliance with Forest Service responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531, the following conditions apply to this special-use authorization:

1. The authorized officer may order an immediate temporary suspension of all human activities permitted by this authorization and, if needed, suspend or revoke the special-use authorization when, in his/her judgment, such action is necessary in order to prevent confrontation or conflict between humans and grizzly bears. The holder shall immediately comply with such order. The United States shall not be liable for any consequences from such a suspension or revocation. Such suspension or revocation may be appealed to the next higher level as provided in 36 CFR Subpart 251.

2. The holder, his/her agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors will comply with the requirements of the attached Exhibit C—Grizzly Bear Management and Protection Plan dated 03/27/2007 in the conduct of any and all activities authorized. The authorized officer may review and revise the plan as needed.

3. The holder assumes full responsibility and shall hold the United States harmless from any and all claims by him/her or by third parties for any damages to life or property arising from the activities authorized by this special-use authorization and encounters with grizzly bears, or from suspension, revocation, or termination of activities authorized by this special-use authorization.

4. Intentional or negligent acts by the holder, his/her agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors that result in injury or death of a grizzly bear will be cause for suspension or revocation of this authorization in whole or in part.

5. Failure to comply with provisions 1, 2 or 3 may result in suspension or revocation of this authorization in whole or in part, and may cause criminal action to be taken against the holder under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or other applicable authority.

G. FOREST SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (R1-X16). The District Ranger, **Bozeman Ranger District, Telephone No. (406) 522-2520**, is responsible for administering this special-use authorization. The holder should contact the District Ranger regarding any questions concerning the occupancy and use authorized and the provisions of this authorization.

H. INFORMATION FROM HOLDERS (R1-X17). As a condition of this authorization, the holder is responsible for providing the authorized officer with any information in possession necessary for determining annual rental fees, ownership, or other matters concerning the administration of the authorized use by the Forest Service.

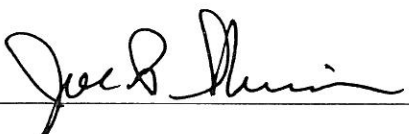
Regarding the submission of such information, the holder understands that it is a crime for any person to knowingly and willfully make false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements to matters under the jurisdiction of the United States Government (Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001).

THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Before any permit is issued to an entity, documentation must be provided to the authorized officer of the authority of the signatory for the entity to bind it to the terms and conditions of the permit.

ACCEPTED:

HOLDER: GALLATIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT

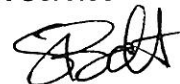
By: 

Title: Chairman

Date: 6/30/10

APPROVED:

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Gallatin National Forest

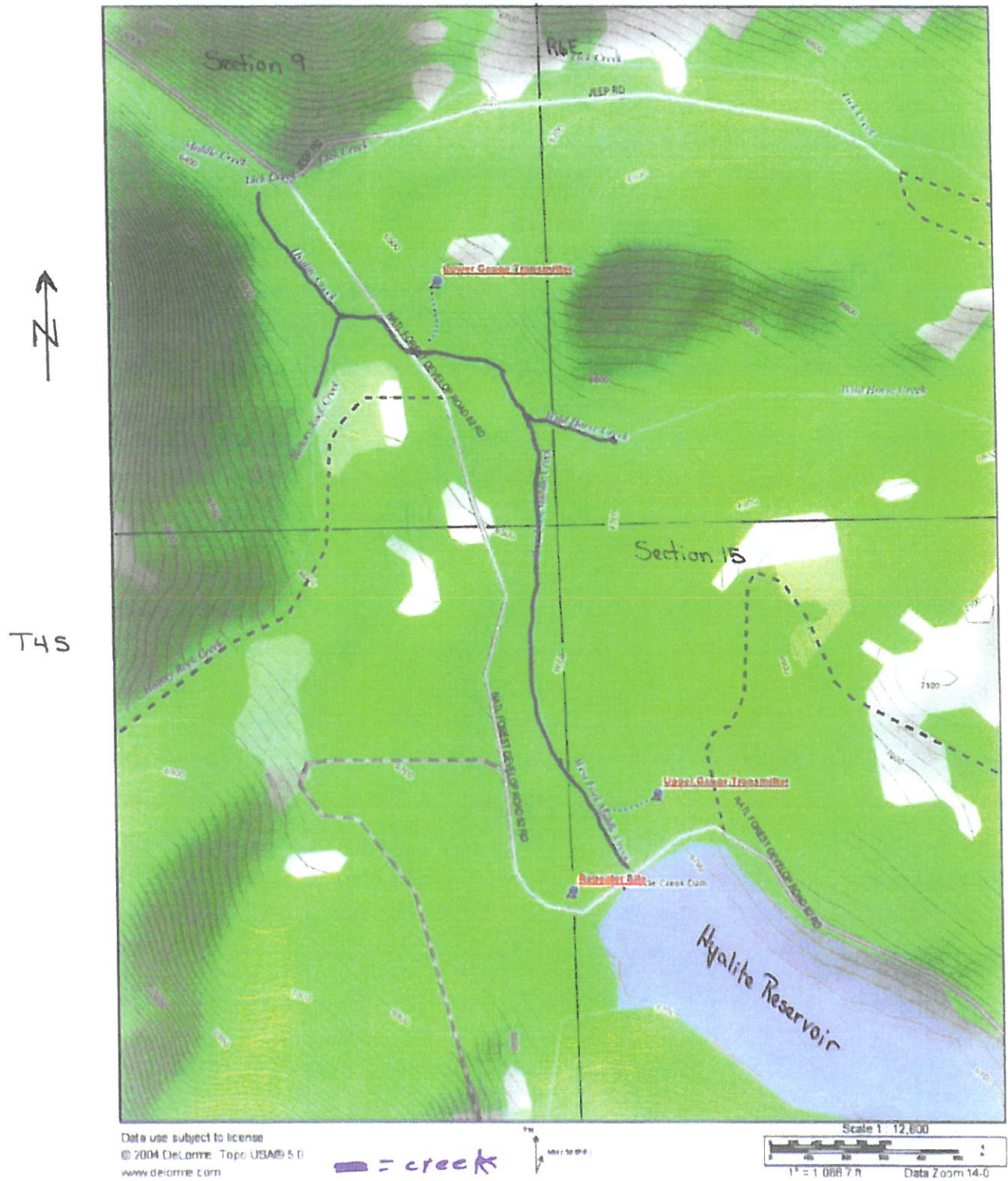
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The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service.

APPENDIX A
 GALLATIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT
 AUTHORIZATION NO. BOZ814001
 MIDDLE CREEK DAM EWS
 NE1/4 SEC 9 & W1/2 SEC 15, T4S, R6E



APPENDIX B

Construction, Operations and Maintenance Plan

Gallatin County Emergency Management

Special Use Permit

Middle Creek Early Warning System

INTRODUCTION

This Construction, Operation and Maintenance Plan is attached to and made part of the Special Use Permit that authorizes Gallatin County Emergency Management to install and operate an Early Warning System (EWS) consisting of two gauging stations and one repeater station on National Forest System (NFS) lands to detect failure of the Middle Creek Dam at Hyalite Reservoir. Authorized improvements are noted on the face of the permit.

This plan is divided into three separate categories which are specifically addressed herein.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction will take place utilizing a maximum of ten onsite workers and take approximately seven or eight days. Supplies and materials, including cement, shall be transported to the three separate construction sites via six-wheel all terrain vehicles (ATV) with utility trailer. ATV access to the repeater site and the upper gauging station site shall occur on existing two track roads/trails.

No existing road or trail access accesses the lower gauging station site. Cross country travel to this site via ATV (with trailer) may take place on a limited basis (12-18 trips) for transporting construction materials and supplies only. Care should be taken to use the same access route for all ATV trips to this site. Obliteration of the ATV access route should take place following construction. The route should be slashed-in with existing forest debris. Addition remediation may be requested by the Forest Service once the construction phase is complete.

All excavation shall be accomplished by hand. If any cultural resources, artifacts or sensitive plant species are discovered during the EWS installation, the Bozeman District Ranger shall be notified immediately and construction shall halt.

All equipment to be used off-road must be inspected by a Forest Service Representative and certified as weed seed free prior to use on NFS lands.

Compliance with all State fire laws is mandatory.

Construction of the EWS may begin after June, 30, 2010 upon submittal of a construction plan and timeline to the Bozeman District Ranger.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

In general, the facilities will be maintenance free. Routine checks on equipment may occur once or more per year. Access for routine maintenance check must occur on foot from existing Forest Service roads. Approval from the Authorizing Officer or delegated District Ranger is necessary prior to any heavier maintenance including all soil disturbing activities and use of off-road motorized equipment.

OPERATION

Operation of the EWS will occur year round to ensure public safety.

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Forest Service
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OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

For the purpose of minimizing adverse interactions between humans, bears and other wildlife and pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 261.50 (a) and (b), the following uses are restricted on the Gallatin National Forest (Exhibit B) and hereby made part of this Order. Also attached, and hereby made part of this Order, are Definitions (Exhibit A) of terms used in support of the restrictions. This Order is effective **March 1 through December 1**, annually, until rescinded.

1. Possessing or storing any food, refuse or other attractant, as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (cc)).
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof, as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (s)).
3. Camping as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (e)).

UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT

1. All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known animal carcass (on the ground) or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.
5. The responsible party shall report the death and location of livestock to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery. Any Forest user finding dead livestock should contact the Forest Service.
6. Burnable attractants that cannot be completely consumed by fire (i.e., no post burning residue) must be packed out.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor specifically exempting them from this Order.

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2. Any Federal or State officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.

These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. This Order supersedes any previous Order prohibiting or restricting the same, or similar, acts in the above-described areas.

Done this day 27 of March, 2007.

/s/ *Rebecca Lockett Heath*

REBECCA LOCKETT HEATH
Forest Supervisor
Gallatin National Forest

Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)).

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

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Exhibit A

Special Order—Food Storage and Sanitation

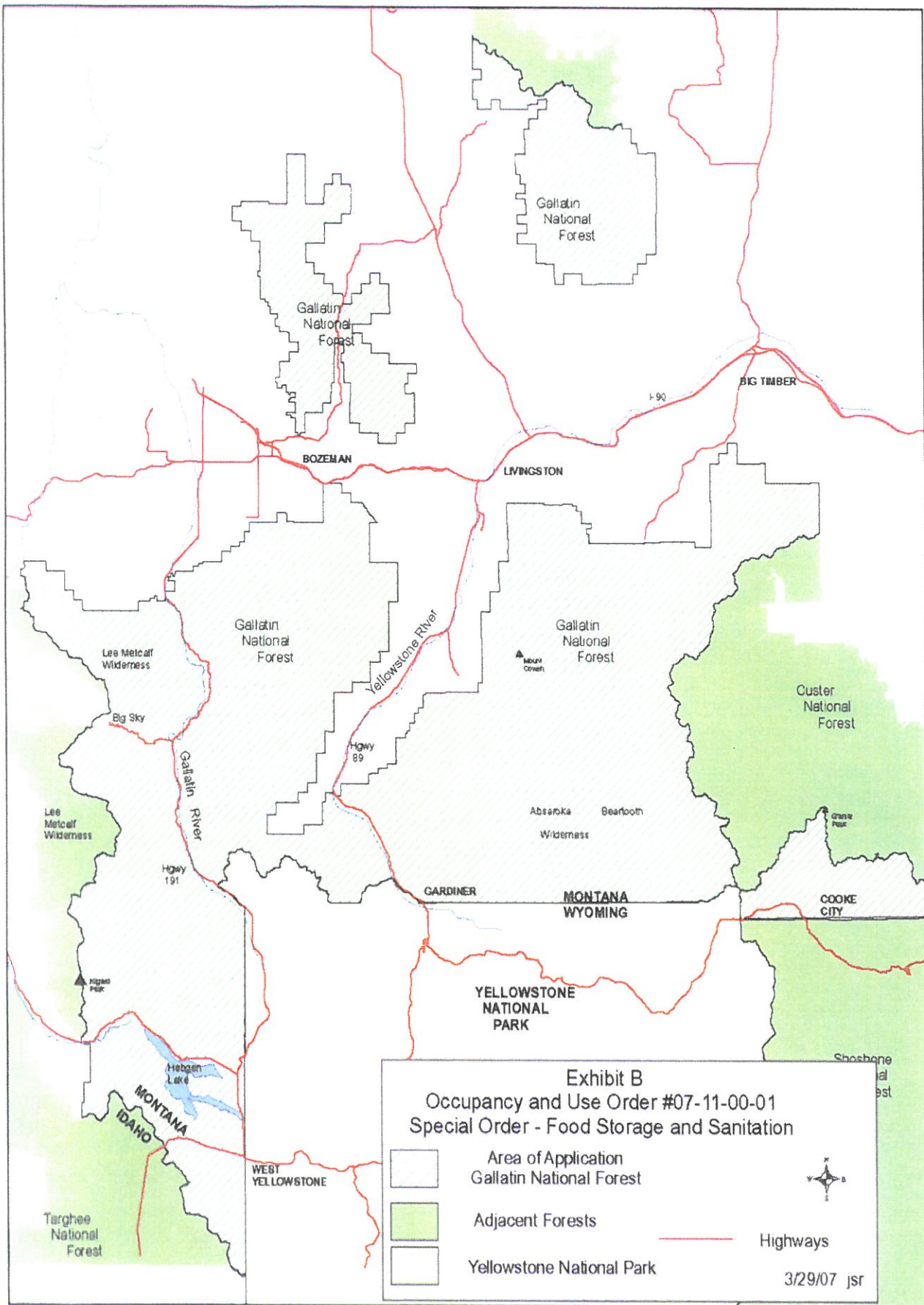
Definitions

1. "Food, refuse and other attractants" means any substance, solid or liquid or refuse (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives), which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.
3. "Burnable attractants" include items such as food leftovers, waste products, food grease or residue, food saturated containers or other substances that will not be completely consumed by fire. To be completely consumed, there must be no residual attractant on the surface or in the soil. These items shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire, unless placed in a suitable container (i.e. tin can or fire pan) to prevent leaching into the ground, and burned over an open campfire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with other garbage, acceptably stored and packed out.
4. "Acceptably stored" means:
 - a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.
 - b. Stored in a closed vehicle where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
 - c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
 - d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
 - e. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
 - f. Animal carcasses must be acceptably stored (a. through e. above) when located 100 yards to ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest System Trail. Animal carcasses are not considered acceptably stored when within 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or a National Forest System Trail.

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Animal carcasses more than ½ mile from a camping area and more than 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail may be left on the ground (Exhibit C).

- g. Animal carcasses killed or harvested (and parts thereof) within ½ mile of any established camping area or sleeping area must be acceptably stored, possessed, or moved to a distance beyond ½ mile from any such camp or sleeping area by the party(-ies) responsible for killing or harvesting such mammal.
- 5. "Acceptably possessed" means:
 - a. Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, refuse or attractant or
 - b. Possessed or attended by such a person(s) for the purpose of field dressing lawfully taken animal carcasses, transporting any food or animal carcass, preparing any animal carcass or food for eating, or eating any food.
 - 6. "Camping/sleeping area" means National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.
 - 7. "Daytime" means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Mountain Time.
 - 8. "Night time" means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.
 - 9. "National Forest System Trail" means a trail wholly or partly within, or adjacent to, and serving a part of the National Forest System and which has been included in a forest recreation map.



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Proper Food Storage

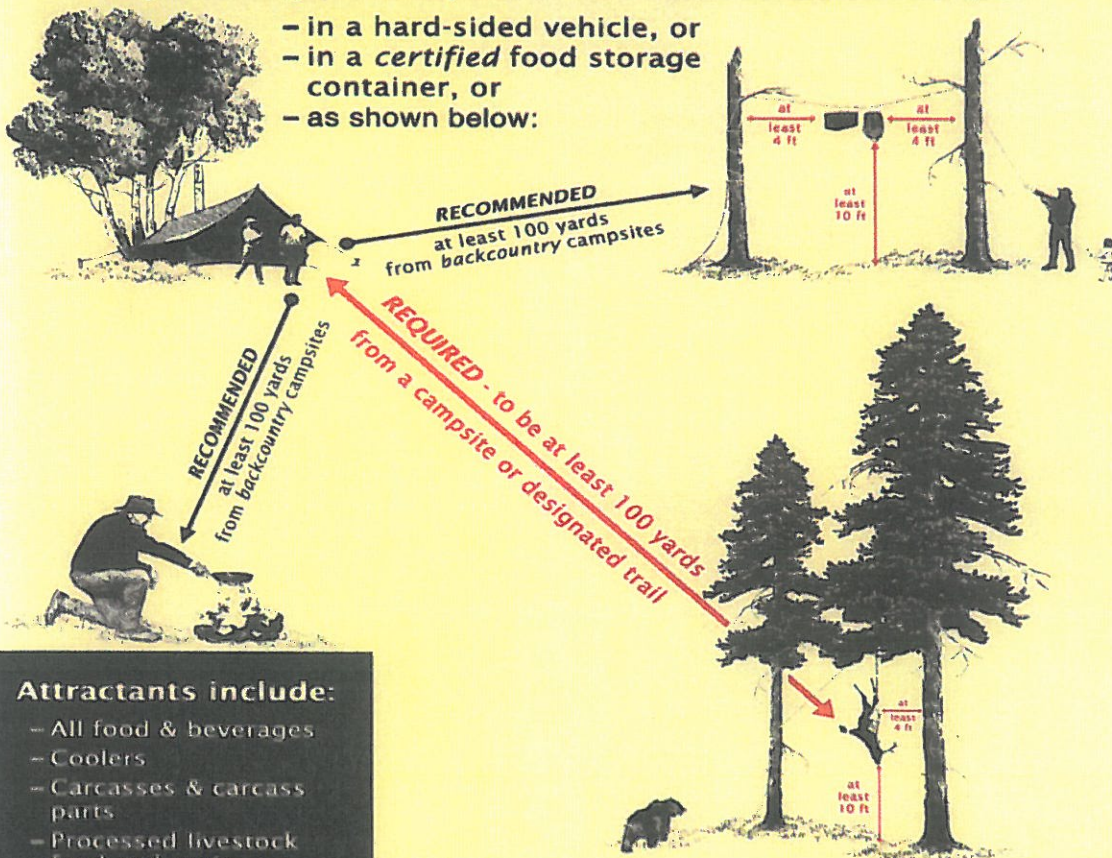
Food Storage is *required* on Gallatin National Forest Land

for public safety and wildlife protection



Proper storage of food, refuse and other attractants means:

- in a hard-sided vehicle, or
- in a *certified* food storage container, or
- as shown below:



Attractants include:

- All food & beverages
- Coolers
- Carcasses & carcass parts
- Processed livestock feed and grain
- Toiletries & cosmetics
- Cooking grease
- Garbage

Carcasses left on ground are **REQUIRED** to be:
- at least 1/2 mile from any campsite, and
- at least 200 yards from any designated trail



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Violations of the Food Storage Order are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571). In effect March 1 - December 1.