



# Gallatin National Forest Trail User Survey

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Thank you for your time and attention to the following questions designed to develop a more thorough understanding of trail user attitudes on trails in Montana's Gallatin National Forest. The confidentiality of your results is guaranteed!

1. Is this your first visit to Gallatin National Forest trails?  
(Circle the number)

- 1. YES, Go To Q-3
- 2. NO

2. On how many days in the last year did you use trails in Gallatin National Forest

\_\_\_\_\_Days

3. Have you visited any other national forests trails in Montana in the last twelve months?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO, Go To Q-5

4. On how many days in the last year did you use trails in Montana's other national forests?

\_\_\_\_\_Days

5. What amount of Gallatin National Forest trails do you think are currently open to motorized use during the *summer*?  
(Circle one number)

- 1. ALL
- 2. MOST
- 3. HALF
- 4. VERY LITTLE
- 5. NONE
- 6. DON'T KNOW

6. Compared to the present situation, what amount of Gallatin National Forest trails do you think should be open to motorized use during the *summer*? (Circle one number)

- 1. MUCH LESS
- 2. LESS
- 3. NO CHANGE
- 4. MORE
- 5. MUCH MORE
- 6. DON'T KNOW

7. What amount of Gallatin National Forest trails do you think are currently open to *winter* snow machine use? (Circle one number)

- 1. ALL
- 2. MOST
- 3. HALF
- 4. VERY LITTLE
- 5. NONE
- 6. DON'T KNOW

8. Compared to the present situation, what amount of Gallatin National Forest trails do you feel should be open to *winter* snow machines use? (Circle one number)

- 1. MUCH LESS
- 2. LESS
- 3. NO CHANGE
- 4. MORE
- 5. MUCH MORE
- 6. DON'T KNOW

9. Do you think that there is a problem with trail conditions in the Gallatin National Forest?

- 1. NO, Go To Q-10
- 2. YES, check all that apply
  - \_\_\_ SOIL EROSION
  - \_\_\_ NOISE POLLUTION
  - \_\_\_ AIR POLLUTION
  - \_\_\_ WATER POLLUTION
  - \_\_\_ SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

10. Have you been using this trail for more than two years?

- 1. YES, Go To Q-11
- 2. NO, Go To Q-12

11. Do you perceive either of the following changes in trail condition over the last two years on Gallatin National Forest trails?

- A. Trail degradation
  - 1. YES
  - 2. NO
- B. Trail widening
  - 1. YES
  - 2. NO

12. Have you experienced any conflicts with other trail users on trails in Montana national forests this year?

- 1. NO
- 2. YES, what type of transportation were they using?
  - \_\_\_ WALKING
  - \_\_\_ HORSEBACK
  - \_\_\_ ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
  - \_\_\_ MOTORCYCLE
  - \_\_\_ MOUNTAIN BIKE

13. Did you experience any conflicts with other trail users on this trip?

- 1. NO
- 2. YES, what type of transportation were they using?
  - \_\_\_ WALKING
  - \_\_\_ HORSEBACK
  - \_\_\_ ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
  - \_\_\_ MOTORCYCLE
  - \_\_\_ MOUNTAIN BIKE

14. Do you think motorized use is legal on the trail you are visiting today?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. DON'T KNOW

15. Do you hunt in Montana?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO, Go To Q-18

16. Do you use off-road vehicles (ORVs) to hunt in Montana?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO

17. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements that can be made about how ORVs affect your hunting experiences? (Check the box that best reflects your level of agreement)

Amount of Agreement

Strongly Agree   Agree   Neutral   Disagree   Strongly Disagree

ORVS GIVE ME EASY ACCESS FOR MY HUNTING

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ORVS SCARE AWAY POTENTIAL GAME WHEN I AM HUNTING

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ORVS HELP ME REMOVE MY KILLS

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ORVS DO NOT AFFECT MY HUNTING EXPERIENCES AT ALL

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ORVS CONTRIBUTE TO OVER HARVESTING IN CERTAIN AREAS

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ORVS HAVE IMPROVED MY HUNTING SUCCESS

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**Now Please Let Us Know About You**

18. Do you belong to any organized trail group or club?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO

19. How close to this trailhead do you live?

- 1. LESS THAN 50 MILES
- 2. 50-200 MILES
- 3. MORE THAN 200 MILES

20. In which state or country do you live:

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21. What trail activity(ies) have you be engaged in today? (Circle all numbers that apply)

- 1. HIKING
- 2. HORSEBACK RIDING
- 3. BIKING
- 4. HUNTING SCOUTING
- 5. 4X4 DRIVING
- 6. SNOWMOBILING
- 7. ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- 8. MOTORCYCLING
- 9. JOGGING/RUNNING
- 10. BACKPACKING
- 11. OTHER specify, \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is your most frequent activity on trails in Montana's National Forests? (Circle only one)

- 1. HIKING
- 2. HORSEBACK RIDING
- 3. BIKING
- 4. HUNTING SCOUTING
- 5. 4X4 DRIVING
- 6. SNOWMOBILING
- 7. ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- 8. MOTORCYCLING
- 9. JOGGING/RUNNING
- 10. BACKPACKING
- 11. OTHER specify, \_\_\_\_\_

23. You are?      \_\_\_ MALE    \_\_\_ FEMALE

24. What's your age?      \_\_\_\_\_ years

25. Would you like to receive a free summary of this research in the mail?

- 1. NO
- 2. YES, If so what is your name and address:

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Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_:

Trail # \_\_\_\_\_