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### Seasonal Roads Opening Today on Seeley Lake Ranger District

**Seeley Lake, Mont., April 19, 2024**— The seasonal roads designated to open May 1 on the Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest are now open.

“With the unusual winter, roads have dried out earlier than normal and staff are out swinging gates open today,” said Quinn Carver, District Ranger, Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest. “Staff will be starting at the lower elevations to open gates this afternoon, there may be a few at higher elevations that aren’t opened until the weekend.”

The roads that are opening are typically closed seasonally from December 1 to April 30 as designated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). For a list of which roads are open please reference the Seeley Lake MVUM located at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/lolo/maps-pubs/?cid=fsm9\\_021428](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/lolo/maps-pubs/?cid=fsm9_021428).

The Forest’s MVUMs are available both [electronically](#) and by hard copy at one of our [Forest Service offices](#). It is the responsibility of Forest users to acquire the most current MVUM and abide by it accordingly. When making decisions surrounding the MVUM, the Lolo National Forest strives to ensure a safe, fiscally feasible road system that provides the greatest benefit to the largest number of visitors with limited risk to the environment.

Forest visitors are reminded to practice safe driving and even though roads are open, weather and environmental conditions should be considered before driving on them.

“Road and weather conditions can change quickly in the spring, visitors are encouraged to put safety first to protect themselves and the people they are with as well as the resources,” said Quinn.

For more information about the Lolo National Forest, please visit the website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/lolo> or follow updates on [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

About the Forest Service: The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages the 193 million acres of National Forest System land, provides stewardship assistance to non-federal forest landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

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