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Single-Year Permits

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Project Name	Project Description	Permit Status
Adventure Cycling Association Guided Bike Tours	Project Lead: Sadie Wehunt Project maps: Tally Lake/Glacier View Ranger District Map Swan Lake Ranger District Map ACA is proposing 10 guided bike tours across the Flathead National Forest between June 21 and August 12, 2021. The routes occur on Tally Lake, Glacier View and Swan Lake Ranger Districts. Two tours are proposed with 42 participants over 2 days with no overnight camping on Flathead National Forest. Eight tours are proposed with 10-14 participants. Those tours vary from 1-5 days on Flathead National Forest, and 4 tours include overnight camping at Holland Lake, Big Creek, and Tuchuck developed campgrounds.	Application accepted
Bike Adventures Bike Tour	Project Lead: Sadie Wehunt Project Maps: Tally Lake/Glacier View Ranger District Map Swan Lake Ranger District Map Bike Adventures is proposing one guided tour across the Flathead National Forest August 17-22, 2021. The route crosses Glacier View, Tally Lake, and Swan Lake Ranger Districts. The number of participants projected is 25-30. The tour would overnight at Holland Lake developed campground on August 21.	Application accepted
Glacier Ridge Runners Livery Services and Guided UTV Tours	Project Lead: Anthony Butterfield Project Maps: North Map South Map Glacier Ridge Runners is requesting 200 day-use service days to provide watercraft livery services to the Hungry Horse Reservoir and guide UTV tours on selected open-motorized NFS Roads on the Hungry Horse Ranger District. Requested livery services include pontoon boats, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards rentals and delivery to Doris Point Boat Launch. Requested UTV tour routes include the west side of Hungry Horse Reservoir (NFSR 895), Aurora Basin (NFSR 895H), Desert Mtn. area (NFSR 497, 497A, 546), the east side of Hungry Horse Reservoir (NFSR 38) and the Meadow Creek Gorge/Trailhead (NFSR 2826). UTV use would only be allowed on weekdays as requested. The requested season of use for all activities is 5/1-10/31, 2021 and subject to seasonal road closures.	Application accepted

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<p>Montana Academy Guided Hikes</p>	<p>Project Lead: Anthony Butterfield Project Maps: East Map West Map</p> <p>Montana Academy is proposing to take their students on day-use hiking trips on various trails on the FNF from 5/1-10/31, 2021. Estimated maximum group sizes is 10 students and 2 staff members. Montana Academy will use a large van to carpool to trailhead and trips will likely occur 1 day on either Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>Swan Lake Ranger District</p> <p>Strawberry Lake</p> <p>Hungry Horse Glacier View RD</p> <p>Columbia Mtn Demers Ridge Moose Peak Standard Peak Firefighter Lookout Tr(Road)</p> <p>Tally Lake RD</p> <p>Lupine lake Danny on Tally Lake Overlook Tally Mountain Trail Tally Gorge Trail</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Pancake Ride Bike Event</p>	<p>Project Lead: Anthony Butterfield Project Map: Pancake Ride Project Map</p> <p>The proponent is requesting to host the Joe Cosley Pancake Ride, a day-use, self-supported cycling event on FNF open motorized roads on 7/10/2021. The event is expected to have approximately 50 participants and the maximum participants would be capped at 75. The event starts and ends on private land in Trego, MT. The FNF land/roads requested are Red Meadow Road (NFSR 115) and Trail Creek Road (NFSR 114).</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Spotted Dog Cycles Guided Bike Tour</p>	<p>Project Lead: Anthony Butterfield Project Map: Spotted Dog Cycles Project Map</p> <p>Spotted Dog Cycles is proposing to guide a self-supported bike tour on the FNF 6/28-7/1/20. Guided group would consist of 10 riders and 2 guides. FNF lands/roads requested include Trail Creek Road (NFSR 114), Hay Creek Road (NFSR 376, NFSR 1685, Red Meadow Road (NFSR 114) and Red Meadow Lake Campground. Overnight use on NFS land would occur 6/30 at the Red Meadow Lake Campground. Other overnight use would occur on private lands or on the Kootenai NF.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Snowbike Nation e-Bike, e-Dirt Bike, Motor Bike Tours</p>	<p>Project Lead: Darlene Bridges Project maps: Crane Mountain-Six Mile Zone Map Skyland Zone Map Swan Range Zone Map West Side Tally Lake Zone Map Whitefish Range Zone Map Wild Bill-Blacktail Zone Map</p> <p>Snowbike Nation has proposed guided e-bike, e-dirt bike, and dirt bike trips on the Hungry Horse, Glacier View, Tally Lake, and Swan Lake Ranger Districts. The tours would include 1-6 clients, and 200 service days are requested. The activity would occur May 1st – the summer season or a seasonal closure date as indicated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Proposed roads to access trailheads are via open motorized routes via motorized vehicle as indicated on the MVUM. Proposed trails and roads to be used by e-bikes, e-dirt bikes and dirt bikes are routes currently authorized on the MVUM as open to motorized use.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Narrow Path Adventure Watercraft Livery Services</p>	<p>Project Lead: Darlene Bridges Project map: None.</p> <p>Narrow Path Adventure is proposing livery service for delivery of motorized equipment including boats and wave runners to the Swan Lake Boat Launch for clients who have pre-rented equipment from the shop in Ferndale. 1-2 delivery per day and equivalent pick-ups. Use of the boat launch and parking lot would be for short term loading and unloading only. 200 service days have been requested. If permitted, the holder would be required to purchase use of the boat launch through the concessionaire just as the public does.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>

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<p>Flathead Biking Cycling Race</p>	<p>Project Lead: Beth Pargman Project Map: Flathead Biking Race Map Flathead Cycling is proposing a bike race/ride on May 22 with a maximum of 75 participants. The route is partially located on the Swan Lake Ranger District. The race would begin at Herron Park and proceed southwest along Foy's Canyon Road and turn south on Patrick Creek Road (NF-2991) to Emmons saddle and intersection with Foy's to Blacktail Trail. Racers would then proceed north to Herron Park via the Foy's to Blacktail Trail to complete the clockwise loop/s. The racecourse would only cross Forest Service Land during the midsection of the course, so most of the spectators and race support would remain at Herron Park.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Last Best Ride - Recreation Event</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Map: Last Best Ride Map The Last Best Ride, is a one-day gravel bicycle race/ride, on Sunday August 22nd, 2021, partially on the Tally Lake and Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger Districts. It is designed to showcase the amazing gravel roads Whitefish's surrounding areas have to offer. The event will start and finish in Depot Park in downtown Whitefish. Spectating will take place at Depot Park or on WMR only. Set up for the race would occur on August 21st, and the course will be swept at the end of race day and final signage clean up would continue the day after the race, on August 23rd. The proposed event has two routes, varying in length to accommodate how much riders wish to challenge themselves. Two aid stations will be located off of the national forest and 2 will be located on national forest lands; on at the Summit House at the Whitefish Mountain resort and one at the junction of NF Road 1658(Werner Peak Rd) and the Werner Peak Lookout road. Trained volunteers will be scattered throughout the course for rider safety, both directing riders and helping to keep speeds safe. Maximum number of participants will be 550. See attached map for route details. Race coordination has occurred with FNF, City of Whitefish, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber, WMR, MT DNRC, and private land entities.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Whitefish Shuttle</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Maps: Glacier View Map Glacier View Bike Routes Map Hungry Horse Map Tally Lake Hiking Routes Map Tally Lake Livery Map Whitefish Shuttle is requesting shuttle services (livery), guided van tours, guided mountain biking and/or hiking trips on the Tally Lake and Hungry Horse / Glacier View system roads and trails from June 1 to October 31st. Requested shuttle routes and locations include Roads: 115, 315, 316, 317, 376, 542, 909, 913, 2916, 2932, 2934, 2942, 5207, 11203 (plus ~18 miles of County Road crossing USFS lands). One touring route is requested from Polebridge up to Red Meadow Pass and down the Upper Whitefish Road, with a pullover at Red Meadow Lake for a stretch and picture break. No food service will be provided. Requested hiking only trails: Tally Lake RD - Stryker Mtn, #27, Finger Lake #802, and Lagoni Lake, #811. Hungry Horse/Glacier View trails - Cyclone LO #40, Glacier View Mtn #266, and Doris Ridge #52. There are three biking/ebiking routes requested, all on open gravel roads. 1) Cyclone Notch Loop, 2) Moose Lake Out and Back, 3) Red Meadow Loop. See map for details. Shuttle capacity is 14 clients. Maximum group size would be 14 clients and one guide. Requested number of service days is 200.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Alpine Running Guides</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Maps: Danny On Trail Map Reid Divide Map Alpine Running Guides proposes to offer guided running trips to trail runners, as shown in the table and map below. They anticipate 10-14 participants on each trip with 1-2 guides. Trails would include the Danny On (#370) and the Reid Divide Trail (#800). Clients will receive transportation to and from the trailhead from Whitefish, snacks, and lunch, plus access to water filters, maps of the route, local knowledge/interpretation, and the ability to borrow bear spray. Guides would have trash bags and carry out any trash from clients as well as any trash found along the trail. They would only drive on roads open to motor vehicles. Note that USFS does not authorize activities on roads that are not under USFS jurisdiction, such as County roads. They are requesting 100 service days.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>

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<p>KRMC Journey to Wellness Forest Walks</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Maps: Swan Lake Ranger District Hikes Map Tally Lake Ranger District Hikes Map KRMC has requested 200 service days on the Tally Lake and Swan Lake Ranger Districts for guided day hikes under the Journey to Wellness program with The Summit Health Club. The routes proposed for the hikes include 811 Lagoni Lake, 804 Tally Lake Overlook, Round Meadow trail system and Blacktail cross country trail system. The hikes would occur between July 1 and September 30. Group size would range from 10-20 with an additional 2-4 guides present.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Action Rentals Guided ATV/UTV</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Map: Action Guide Rentals Map Action Rentals has proposed guided ATV/UTV tours on the Tally Lake Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest between June 1st and November 30th, 2021. Routes would include FSR #910, Martin Cr. Road, to access Sunday Falls, FSR #2872, Martin Lake Road, FSR #9620, the West side of Martin Creek and a small portion of the Old Fort Steele Road which is under Country jurisdiction. Maximum group size will not exceed 15 and/or 6 vehicles per trip. Action Rentals is requesting 200 temporary service days. Action Rentals has a current permit with DNRC on adjacent lands.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Whitefish Bike Retreat</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Maps: Whitefish Bike Retreat Map Whitefish Bike Retreat is requesting to provide shuttle services (livery) on the Tally Lake system roads and trails. Drop off locations for livery services would occur at the intersection of Reid Divide, Bill Creek and Ashley Mountains. NFST 800, 801, 294, 310 and NFSR 313, 538, 542, 913, 2912, 2912B, 2942, 5263, 9601, 9763, 9784, 11258 (plus < 1mile of County Road crossing USFS lands) would be utilized. Shuttle capacity is 12 clients. Group size would be 1-12 clients. Shuttle services would run from May 1st through October 31st. Requesting 200 service days.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Kiwanis Fun Ride Recreation Event</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Map: Kiwanis Fun Ride Map One day fun (7/24/2021) motorcycle ride on system roads and trails to support the Kiwanis Club of Kalispell. Participants are anticipated to be 30 with a max of 40. Two routes are proposed. For street legal bikes the loop route would be from Bitterroot Lake to NFSR 538, to 9784B, 313, 2908, 9887, 538B and back to the 538 and down out of the forest. Non legal street bikes would be trailered to the second route and park at the Lupine Lake Trailhead NFST 210 and utilized a down and back route on NFST 210, 310, 289 and 171.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>
<p>Northwest Montana Adventures</p>	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt Project Maps: Red Meadow Lake Area Map Taylor Creek Area Map Northwest Montana Adventures is requesting 200 service days to provide guided ATV/UTV tours on the Tally Lake and Glacier View Ranger Districts. The proposed dates of operation are June 1st through October 31st with the restrictions of normal road closures for Side by Sides or UTVs. The tours would be permitted in conjunction with the Stillwater State Forest. The applicant is currently permitted on DNRC lands adjacent to the requested area. Proposed routes include Taylor Creek NFSR 9790 road to Big Mountain summit house, to Warner Peak NFSR 1658 on the divide, and to Red Meadow Lake NFSR 115 only from the Tally Lake RD side.</p>	<p>Application accepted</p>

Multi-Year Permits

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Whitefish Legacy Partners Ultramarathon Recreation Event	<p>Project Lead: Tad Wehunt</p> <p>Project Map: WLP Ultramarathon Map</p> <p>Whitefish Legacy Partners (WLP), in partnership with the City of Whitefish and the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, is hosting an ultra-marathon on October 2, 2021. Runners will start in Depot Park in downtown Whitefish at 7:00am. The 50-kilometer course will leave the Park, cross over the viaduct via the Wisconsin Ave bike path, connect to Colorado Ave. and the City of Whitefish Bike/Ped path along Wisconsin, turn right on Reservoir Rd, and connect to the Whitefish Trail in Haskill. Runners will then connect to WMR trails (Summit Trail and Kashmir) to the summit of Big Mountain. Runners will descend the Flower Point Trail to the Danny On Trail, to WMR trails and connect back to the Whitefish Trail in Haskill. The finish line will be at Oktoberfest in Depot Park.</p> <p>The course will be well marked with temporary flagging and signs. The course markings, aid stations, and signs will be set up on October 1st and taken down after the race on October 3rd. A maximum of 400 participants is being requested and 300 spectators and volunteers. Impact to public trail users will be negligible as runners will be spread out over the 50k course. This event has been a reoccurring use and would be authorized under a 5-year permit with the operating plan updated annually.</p>	Application accepted
Foy's to Blacktail Marathon	<p>Project Lead: Beth Pargman</p> <p>Project Map: Foy's to Blacktail Race Map</p> <p>FTBT is proposing a 1-day foot race in September, for up to a maximum of 100 participants. The trail course is approximately 13 miles on USFS lands, starting at the Lakeside to Blacktail Trailhead on NFS Trail 104 to NFS Trail 185; then south on NFS Trail 185 to the trails, ski runs, and roads within the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area permit boundary; then back on NFS Trail 185 north to the Forest boundary. This event has been a reoccurring use and would be authorized under a 5-year permit with the operating plan updated annually.</p>	Application accepted