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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE

OFFICE: Billings Field Office

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a temporary closure to certain Acton Recreation Area trails and campsites will go into effect starting in December 2026. These closures are to provide for public safety while equipment operates in the area to reduce fuel loading and fire intensity in the event of a wildfire. Excavators equipped with masticating heads will be utilized for this project. Working equipment can throw debris long distances, causing injuries or property damage, and require at least a 500-foot safety buffer in all directions, even outside closure areas. Closures will occur on a rolling basis and will only involve trails and campsites currently impacted by work. Trails included in the closure include Bandit, Javalope, Kyra's Joy, Owl-Be-Back, Redline, Rollercoaster, Sleepy Hollow, Southwest, and Tumbleweed. Campsites 13-16 will also be periodically closed during the project. Trails and campsites will be reopened as soon as practicable following a safety inspection upon the completion of work in that area.

RATIONALE: **43CFR 8364.1(a) Temporary closure and restriction orders.** - The authorized officer may issue an order to temporarily close or restrict the use of designated public lands, including roads, trails, and waterways, to protect persons, property, public lands, or resources; avoid conflict among public land users; or ensure the privacy of Tribal activities for traditional or cultural use.

2015 Billings Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan:

MD REC-1: Conduct periodic accessibility, safety, and condition assessments in accordance with Bureau policy at developed recreation sites. Prioritize available funds to resolve deferred and corrective maintenance needs.

Goal T&F 2: Ensure BLM facilities are maintained to meet public health and safety requirements.

LOCATION: Acton Recreation Area, portions of T3N R25E Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

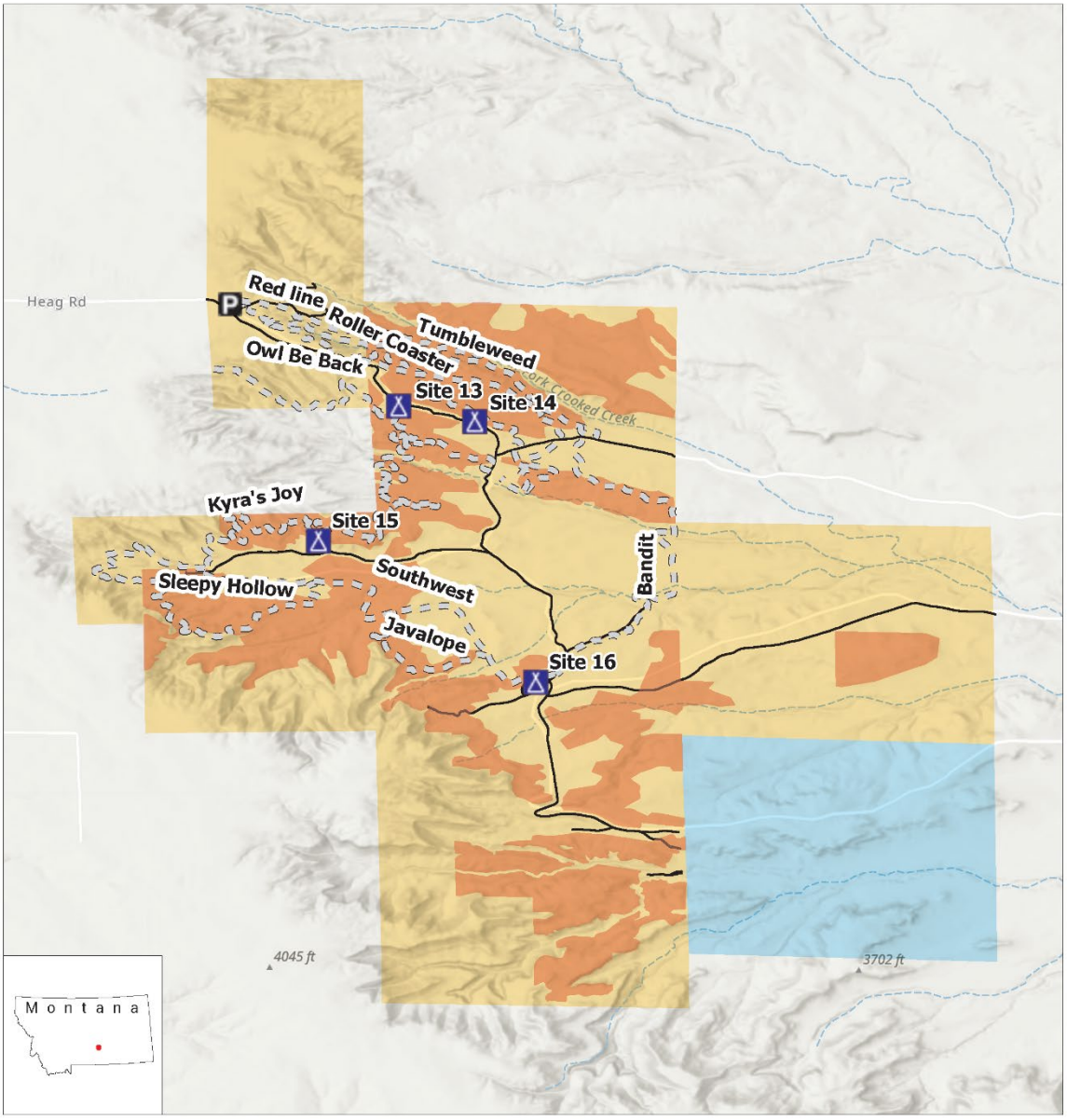
Acton Recreation Area Closures

Impacted Trails and Campsites

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DATES : Rolling closures beginning in Early December 2026 until late February 2027. Individual trails and campsites are expected to be closed for no more than two weeks at a time
NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: This notice will be posted at the Billings Field Office Public Room and Acton Recreation Area message kiosk.

A news release will be posted on the Billings Field Office website, and on the BLM Montana/Dakotas social media pages.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Billings Field Office – 406-896-5013, BLM_MT_Billings_FO@blm.gov and Billings Wildland Fire Service Fuels office – 406-896-2944

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