



# Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission

## Stimson Lumber Company Recreation Management Area Biennial Rule Public Use Special Regulations

### BIENNIAL RULE

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (“FWP”) and the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission adopt the following rules and regulations to govern recreational use within the Stimson Lumber Company Recreation Management Area (“RMA”) throughout Region 1 for the purpose of gaining hunting access and recreational privileges on private land, to prevent vehicular damage to soils and vegetation, and to avoid excessive disturbance to native wildlife including threatened and endangered species. Landowner may close lands to all public access during periods of high fire danger at its discretion. The Department will be informed of said closures. The RMA landowner agreement and terms thereof are subject to and servant to any conservation easements that apply to Stimson Lumber Company Lands.

**This Rule is effective from 8/25/2021 to 8/25/2023.**

The designated area of Stimson Lumber Company Recreation Management Area is depicted in Figure 1 below:

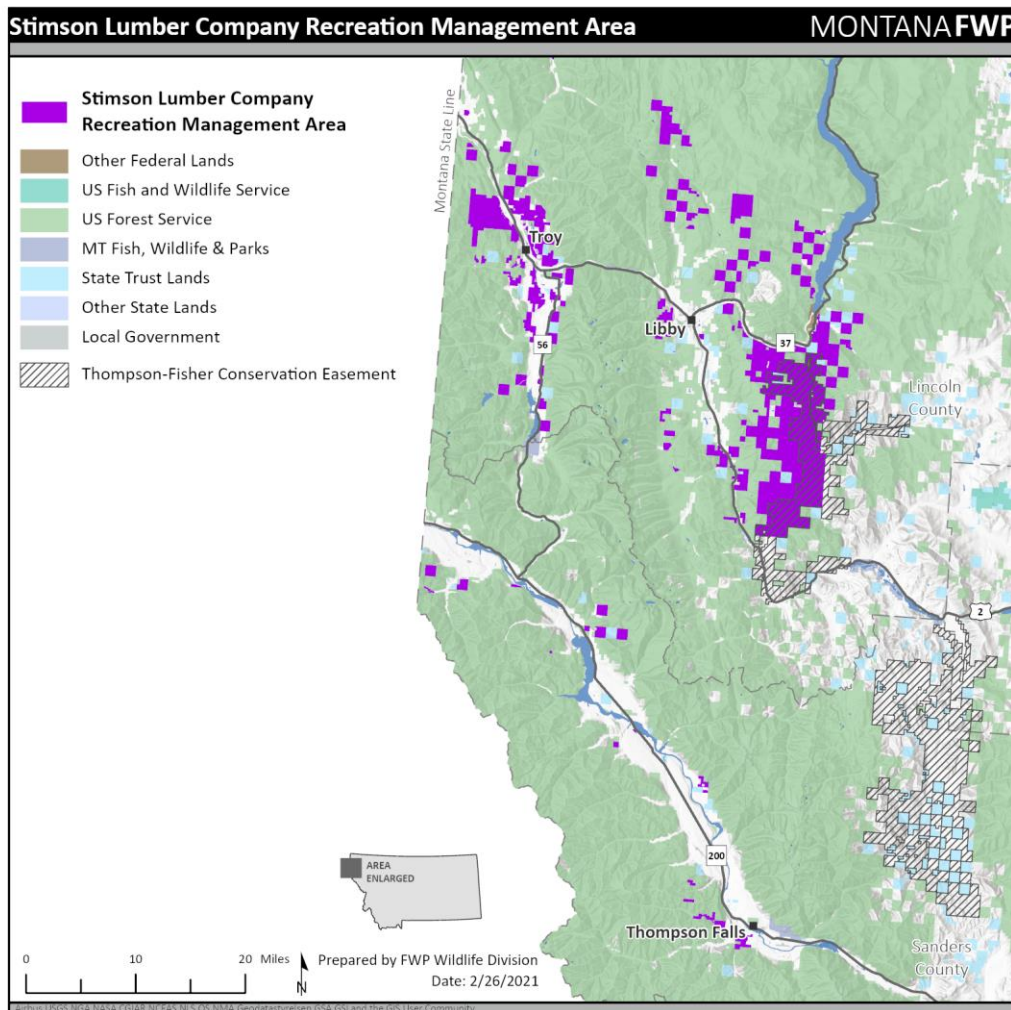


Figure 1. Stimson Lumber Company Recreation Management Area Map.

Because the public enjoyment of the recreational facilities of these lands necessitates rules, regulations and enforcement, the provisions of 87-1-303 MCA shall apply. It is therefore ordered that it shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Drive any motorized wheeled-vehicle including electric bicycles in the above-described area except on designated open roads or areas posted open to motorized use. Off-road motorized vehicle use is prohibited. Landowners and/or their designee in the course of administrative work, and federal, state, and county officials in the course of their official duties are exempt from these vehicular restrictions.
2. Drive any motorized, wheeled vehicle behind any gate, earthen barrier, barricade, or signs. Any earthen barrier is considered a "closure" to all wheeled-motorized vehicles. Road restrictions apply behind unmarked gates, even if vandalized or open.
3. Park any vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct traffic or block any gate. Administrative, contractor or emergency traffic may need to pass through locked gates at any time.
4. Operate a snowmobile in the above-described area.
5. Trespass, hunt, or discharge a firearm within Stimson Lumber Company posted safety zones. Recreational shooting and discharge of firearms is prohibited on Stimson Lumber Company lands when posted. However, hunting and non-commercial trapping of game and non-game animals is allowed in accordance with FWP rules and regulations.
6. Hunt, transport hunters, or retrieve game behind a closed road with administrative or commercial vehicles.
7. Conduct any commercial activity on Stimson Lumber Company lands, including commercial outfitting or guiding of hunters or fisherman in the above-described area.
8. Commercially trap game and non-game species. Recreational trapping and wolf trapping, as defined by published FWP trapping regulations is allowed. Trapping is prohibited on active logging and road construction projects, if machinery is in the area; the area is closed to trapping. Trap setbacks are required as defined by published FWP trapping regulations. Wolf trappers are required to register at the FWP Region 1 Office.
9. Remove rock or minerals from Stimson Lumber Company lands.
10. Remove fossils or artifacts on Stimson Lumber Company lands.
11. Camp or use Stimson Lumber Company Lands for overnight use. Exception: Limited camping is allowed in designated areas within the Thompson Fisher Conservation Easement. These designated camping areas are posted at each site. Camping is limited to 14 days with a maximum of 3 days left unattended. Camping beyond 14 days requires moving to a new site no closer than 5 miles from the original site.
12. Have campfires or fires of any kind on Stimson Lumber Company lands. Exception: Campfires are allowed within the Thompson Fischer Conservation Easement but cannot be left unattended and are required to be fully extinguished before leaving.
13. Cut standing trees or remove firewood from Stimson Lumber Company lands, including harvesting of Christmas trees.
14. Use any exploding targets, fireworks, or explosives on Stimson Lumber Company lands.
15. Dump carcasses or leave any garbage or litter. All trash must be packed out and the area left clean.
16. Destroy or vandalize Stimson Lumber Company lands or property.

## **STATEMENT OF LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE RULE**

Section 87-1-303, MCA, gives the Fish and Wildlife Commission authority to adopt and enforce rules governing uses of lands that it operates under agreement with or in conjunction with a private owner.

This rule was adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on June 24, 2021.

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Lesley Robinson, Chair  
Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission