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**Missoula Parks
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Public Service Announcement

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Mount Jumbo South Zone re-opened March 15

To protect wintering elk and mule deer, much of Mount Jumbo is closed to recreational use during winter months. The Saddle Road and all points south of the road re-opened to the public on Friday, March 15.

The Saddle Road is located at the north end of Lincoln Hills Drive. The South Zone includes the Backbone Trail and trails near the "L."

Hikers and cyclists are reminded to stay on trails; keep dogs under strict voice control or leashed and remove pet waste while enjoying Mount Jumbo. Hikers should plan to walk through mud or ice on trails rather than widening the trail; off-trail use causes erosion, degrades the soil and crushes fragile wildflowers and native grasses. Mutt Mitts and free loaner leashes are provided for pet owners at trailheads.

North Mount Jumbo (areas north of the Saddle Road) remains closed until May 1. In these areas, cow elk are seeking undisturbed refuge during the last few weeks before calving.

Three areas of Mount Jumbo are open all year: the U.S. West road above I-90, the trail to the "L," and the road linking Upper Lincoln Hills Drive with Tamarack, including about 40 acres below. Dogs must be leashed on the "L" trail and U.S. West easement during the winter closure. Violations of the Mount Jumbo winter closure are punishable by fine. Please call 911 to report closure violations.

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Media Please Note: Closure Map attached. For more information, contact Morgan Valliant, Parks and Recreation Conservation Lands Manager 552-6263.

A Friendly Reminder...

South Mount Jumbo Is Open

North of the Saddle Trail Road is Closed until May 1.

The elk have moved off South Mount Jumbo and it's now open to people and their dogs. Dogs must be under voice and sight control.

However, north of the saddle, cow elk are seeking undisturbed refuge during the last few weeks before calving.

A message from the Mount Jumbo Elk Herd and Missoula Parks and Recreation:

Please don't violate the closure.

Doing so can cost you up to \$500, per Missoula Municipal Code 12.40.060.

Please report violations to 911.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dogs On Mt. Jumbo Must Be Under Voice & Sight Control

A dog's owner or custodian must be within 75 feet of the dog and be able to effectively control and recall the dog at all times.

If your dog runs up to people or other dogs, chases wildlife, or will not consistently come to you immediately upon command, the dog must be leashed. If you are unsure, be safe and keep your dog leashed. Report uncontrolled dogs to City/County Animal Control: 541-7387.

You are required by law to remove and dispose of your dog's excrement. Mutt Mitts for poop pickup are provided free at trail heads.

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