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Dear Interested Party:

In October 2007, the Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor signed the "Record of Decision for the Little Belt, Castle and North Half Crazy Mountains Travel Management Plan" (ROD) which designated motorized use on specific roads and trails for recreation and general travel, including the type of vehicle that is allowed on the designated route and the time of year. The ROD followed several years of extensive public involvement and input from cooperating agencies. Through implementation over the past six years, I have found there is general public acceptance and support for the decision. Three other older decisions had also been made that designated motorized travel in the Highwood Mountains and the Big and Little Snowy Mountains, thus covering the entire Jefferson Division with motor vehicle designations.

The designation of ATV trails open to wheeled motorized vehicles 50 inches or less in width was a standard that was an important component of each of the travel planning efforts. Since 2007, the motor vehicle industry has developed off highway vehicles with a wheelbase of less than or equal to 50 inches in width that have side-by-side seating. These types of vehicles do not exceed the 50 inch width restriction for the ATV trails and thus I consider them to be allowable on the designated ATV trails in the aforementioned travel plan areas as of September 1, 2013.

I appreciate your continued involvement and interest in the management of the roads and trails on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this clarification of allowable vehicle types on ATV trails, please contact Dave Cunningham at (406)791-7700.

Sincerely,

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