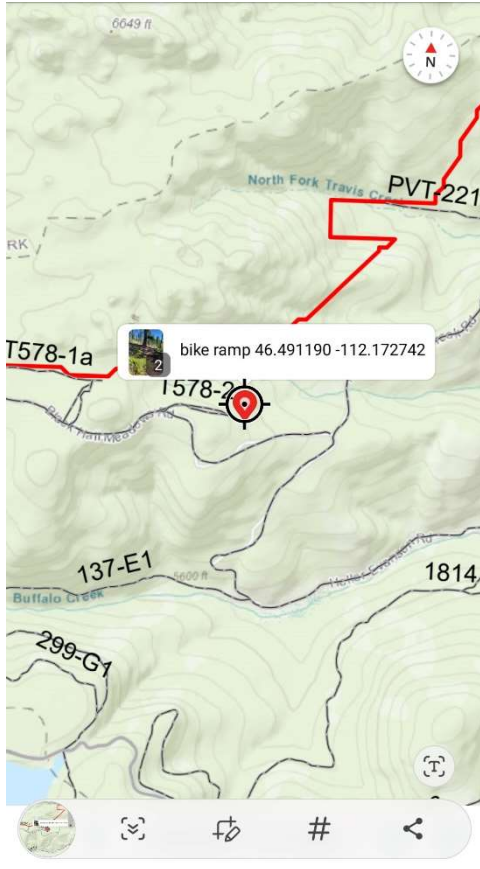


# BLACKHALL MEADOWS ILLEGALLY CONSTRUCTED BIKE RAMP - Discovered July 20, 2023

By Doug Powell, Gary Ingman, Dennis Milburn, and Paul Ferry



# July 21, 2023 Email to Helena National Forest District Ranger Kathy Bushnell

Fwd: [External Email]Bike Ramp, Black Hall Meadows Trail

Doug Powell <wildwork2019@gmail.com>  
To: Steve Platt; Gayle Joslin; Camie Westfall

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**From:** Doug Powell <wildwork2019@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Bushnell, Katherine - FS, MT <katherine.bushnell@usda.gov>  
**Cc:** Gary Ingman <kpitwld@bresnan.net>; Dennis Milburn <demilburn@gmail.com>; Paul Ferry <sferry406@gmail.com>  
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Hi Kathy,

On a walk south of Lazy-man IRA yesturday, our group noticed a newly constructed bike ramp approximately 3/8ths to 1/2 mile up the trail from the north fork of Travis creek to Black Hall Meadows. The fill dirt and rock for the ramp was excavated from an area adjacent. The structure was constructed a few days ago. There is a 4 foot hole covered with logs, and a second borrow pit slightly up the hill. The location coordinates are 46.491190 by -112.172742

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Also, the non motorized sign at the beggining of the trail was pulled out of the ground.

Is the bike ramp legally constructed? We did not have any 36 CFR 261.10 cards with us and are wondering if we should leave a copy of the CFR "Did You Know" card the next time we walk the trail.

Reference attached photos.

Thanks for looking into this for us.

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Thanks Kathy!

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023, 12:23 PM Bushnell, Katherine - FS, MT <katherine.bushnell@usda.gov> wrote:

Thank you for sharing. I've forwarded this to our Rec folks and LEO. The bike ramp was not authorized, no – so I appreciate all of the info you sent with this! –Kathy

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# December 7, 2023 Email to Helena National Forest Mandy Alvino regarding illegal construction and illegal motorized activity in Blackhall Meadows.



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**D** Doug Powell <wildwork2019@gmail.com>  
To: Alvino, Mandy - FS, MT  
Cc: Gary Ingman; Dennis Milburn; Gayle Joslin; Camie Westfall



Mandy,  
Thanks for the Great meeting yesterday.  
Attached is a kmz file for the bike ramp and the motorized travel in the Lazyman IRA.  
Doug

On Thu, Dec 7, 2023, 8:53 AM Alvino, Mandy - FS, MT <mandy.alvino@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks for sending Doug. And thanks to everyone for a good meeting yesterday, it was productive and we're on a good track for 2024 monitoring activities.

All the best,

Mandy

**Mandy Alvino**  
HelTown Recreation Program Lead  
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Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts,

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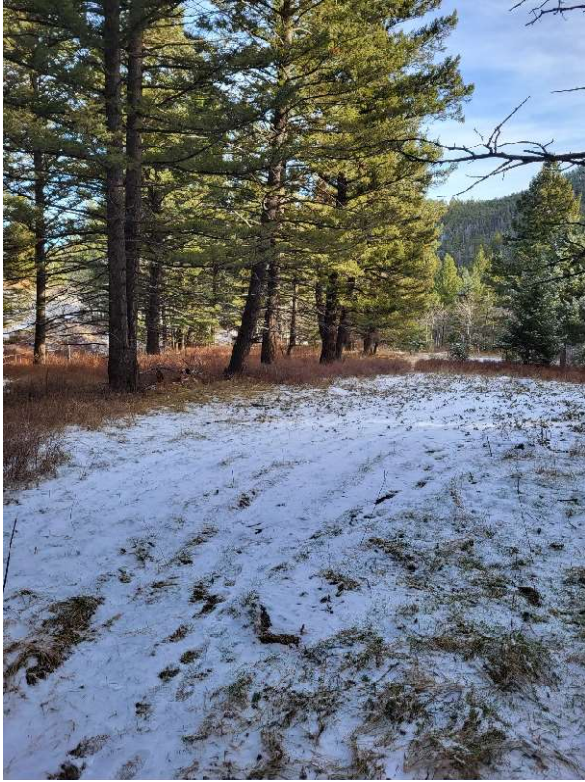
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Mandy,

Here are the photos of the bike ramp and covered hole that was created from the fill dirt used for the ramp on the Black Hall Meadows trail.

Doug



Illegal motorized use in Lazyman Inventoried Roadless Area.