

Confidential: **ILLEGAL TRAILS – HUNTERS IN BLACKHALL**

Due to personal information that is included, the full report entitled “Illegal Trails – Hunters in Blackhall” is unavailable for public review.

This report provides the history of discovering and trying to repair illegal trail construction through sensitive wildlife security areas in the heart of the Lazyman Inventoried Roadless Area at the head of Colorado Gulch. The duration of this activity was from 2009 through 2014.

It describes encounters with an individual responsible for trail cutting, physical permanent camp construction, water diversions, wetland crossings, and guiding hunters from out-of-state. Both State of Montana and Forest Service law enforcement investigated the situation.

Ultimately, by 2014 the Forest Service removed most of the hunting camp structures that had been installed.

Helena Hunters and Anglers Association thanked the forest Service for their perseverance in bringing this situation to a close and for their field cleanup efforts.