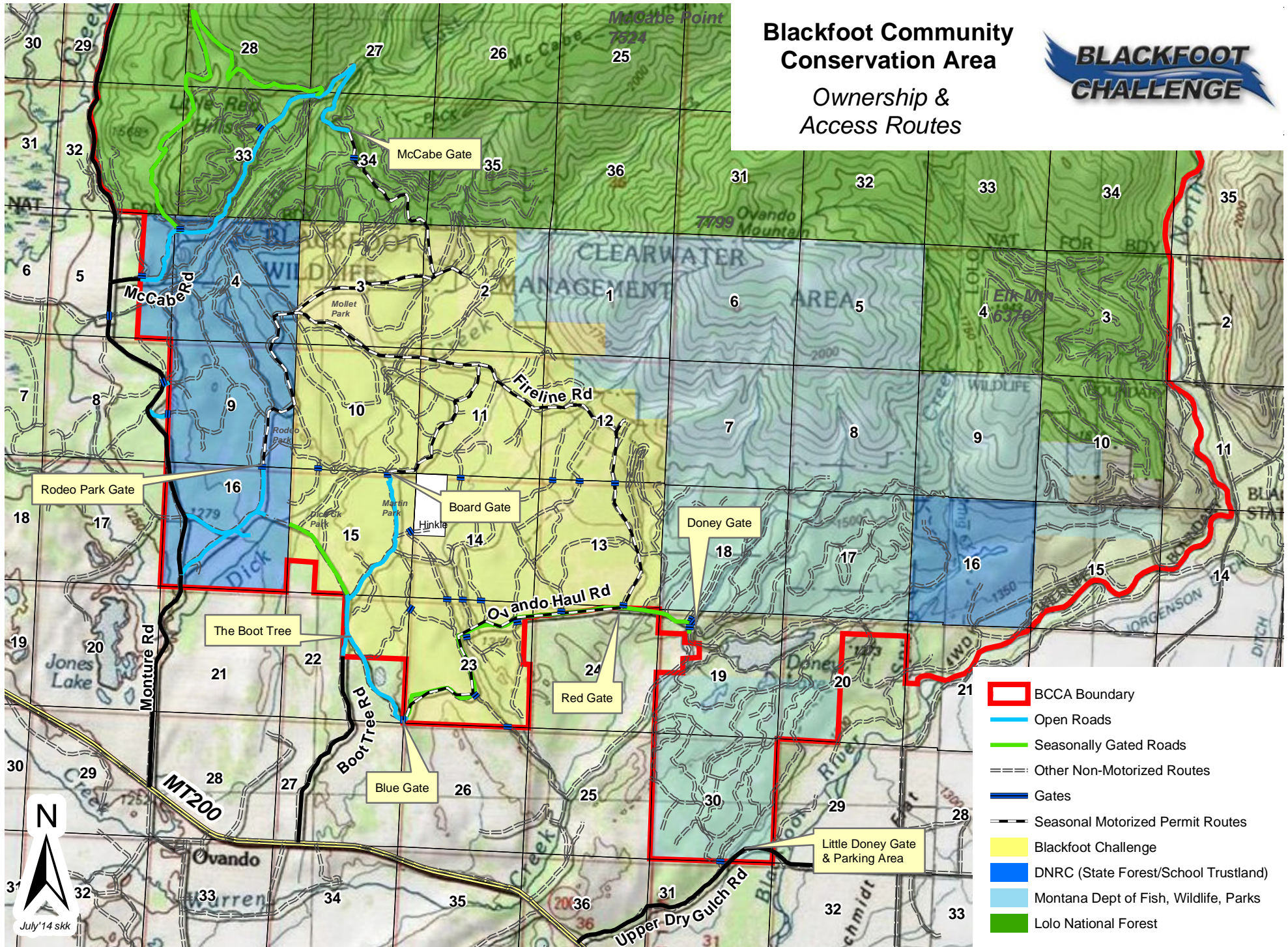


Blackfoot Community Conservation Area

Ownership & Access Routes



BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREA
-- “BCCA” --
PUBLIC USE & RECREATION POLICY

You have entered a community-owned and -managed forest. Since 2005, community members, local interest groups and agencies have cooperated on the management of these lands. Please respect and adhere to the following regulations, which are in effect on the Blackfoot Challenge-owned BCCA lands (see ownership map on obverse). Other lands within the BCCA may have other policies.

- 1) Non-motorized public access is allowed at all times of the year.
- 2) Motorized access is limited to open, established roads. Some roads may be seasonally closed due to sensitive wildlife areas, road conditions and to accommodate grazing lessees.
- 3) No unauthorized motorized use of closed roads or trails is allowed. Closed roads and trails are posted as such. A closed gate or other closure device (such as a log barricade or earthen berm) with no sign is closed to all motorized vehicles. Road restrictions apply even if a sign, gate or closure device has been vandalized or damaged.
- 4) Gates and roads must not be blocked. Administrative or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- 5) No off-road or off-trail motorized use is allowed by the general public; however,
- 6) Snowmobiles are allowed from December 1 through May 1, except where signed closures exist. If resource damage occurs on soils, vegetation or wildlife, the BCCA Council may require that snowmobilers stay on groomed or signed snowmobile routes.
- 7) From July 1 to August 15, permits may be available for limited motorized use behind some gates; please contact the Blackfoot Challenge for more information.
- 8) Hunting, fishing, trapping and all forms of legal animal harvest in accordance with relevant law are allowed. However, trapping requires a permit, and numbers may be limited.
- 9) Personal-use plant, berry and mushroom harvesting are allowed.
- 10) Personal-use firewood gathering of dead or down wood is allowed; a \$15 permit is required with a 5-cord limit. Personal-use Christmas-tree cutting is allowed; a \$5 permit is required. Vehicles must stay on established, open roads for wood and tree retrieval.
- 11) Camping is limited to 14 days per campsite. During this time, the campsite must not be left unattended for more than 3 consecutive days. Camping beyond 14 days requires relocating to a new site at least 5 miles from the original site. To minimize conflicts with bears, human, pet and livestock food, garbage and all other attractants shall be acceptably stored (i.e. placed in a hard-sided vehicle) at all times (see Lolo National Forest Food/ Attractant Order #F06-003-LOLO-D6). Attractants shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire. During campsite occupation, firewood may be cut only for use within the campsite. No live trees may be cut by campers. During hunting season, additional camping regulations apply: see MT FWP Ovando Mountain Block Management Area regulations.
- 12) The use of certified weed-seed-free livestock hay, forage and bedding is required for all livestock users. Do not tie livestock to trees; instead use a post, high-line or hitch-rail.
- 13) Pack out all garbage. Please leave BCCA lands as clean as or cleaner than you found them.
- 14) Avoid polluting with human waste. Pack out or bury all human waste at least 6” deep. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained. Groups of 4 or more campers are requested to build and use a common latrine.
- 15) Special use permits may be allowed on a case-by-case basis for education, recreational, commercial or administrative use.
- 16) Hazards exist, so recreationists must use caution and enter at their own risk. The Blackfoot Challenge and BCCA Council assume no liability or responsibility of any kind with respect to any of the activities described above or otherwise.

It is your responsibility to know whose property you are using and that property’s regulations. Avoid trespassing on private property. See ownership map on obverse. Please report violations or vandalism to the Blackfoot Challenge at 406-793-3900, or MT Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 406-542-5500 or 1-800-TIP-MONT. For more information or to acquire permits, please contact the Blackfoot Challenge at 406-793-3900.