



June 12, 2019

The Flathead National Forest is requesting public input on the issuance of temporary permits authorizing the **Whitefish Trails Ultra-Marathon** and **Whitefish Shuttle Livery and Guiding** on the Tally Lake Ranger District, the **Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon** on the Swan Lake Ranger District and the **Journey to Wellness Program** on both districts. Both marathons would take place in MA 7 Focused Recreation areas. The projects would be authorized using 36 CFR 220.6(d)(8): *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor, short-term (1 year or less) special uses of National Forest System lands.*

Whitefish Trails Ultra-Marathon Project

The Whitefish Trails Ultra-Marathon will allow for up to 14 miles of an ultra-marathon to be run on existing National Forest System (NFS) roads and trails within the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit boundary (see Map 1). The permit will allow for up to 200 participants. The race would take place entirely in one day. The routes proposed on National Forest Systems (NFS) lands are:

- Up Route: Runners will enter FNF on National Forest System Trail (NFST) 810 Summit Trail and utilize a combination of the Summit Trail and NFST 818 Kashmir Trail. Final route to be determined.
- Down Route: Runners will then utilize the NFST 370 Danny On Trail, connecting to the NFST 370E East Rim trail to NFST 370L Flower Point and will descend the Danny On Trail back to the village

One aid station will also be set up near the summit house to provide food, water and first aid to participants. Bear food storage order will be required at the aid station.

Whitefish Shuttle Livery and Guiding Project

Whitefish Shuttle is requesting a permit to provide shuttle services to Forest trailheads and guiding for mountain bikers and hikers on the Tally Lake Ranger District. The permit would allow for daily shuttle services, guided mountain biking and hiking and between June 1 and October 31. Various Forest system roads and trails west of Hwy 93 would be utilized including roads 913, 2924, 9784 and 539 and trails 800, 801, 310 and trails in Round Meadow.

Journey to Wellness Program

Up to 10 trips for guided day hikes under the Journey to Wellness program with The Summit Health Club would be approved on various open Forest system trails on the Tally Lake and Swan Lake Ranger District. Trails currently requested are 811 Lagoni Lake, 804 Tally Lake Overlook, Round Meadow trail system and Blacktail cross country trail system. Group size would range from 10-20 with an additional 2-4 guides present.

Please contact Julie Gerrior for questions about the **Whitefish Trails Ultra-Marathon**, **Whitefish Shuttle Livery and Guiding**, and **Journey to Wellness Program** at 758-3542 or julie.gerrior@usda.gov. Comments on the project will be accepted through June 19, 2019. Comments can be sent to comments-northern-flathead-tally-lake@fs.fed.us or 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. The Responsible Official for the above projects is Tally Lake District Ranger Bill Mulholland.



Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon Project

The Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon would allow for approximately 13 miles of a marathon to be run on existing roads, and trails within and surrounding the Blacktail Mountain Resort area (see Map 2). The permit would allow for up to 100 participants. The race would take place in one day. The proposed route on NFS lands is:

- The race will begin at the Lakeside to Blacktail Trailhead and proceed up NFST 104 to NFST 185. From there head South on NFST 185 into the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area permit boundary ski runs/roads and trails. The run will loop back into NFST 185 and proceed north to the Forest boundary.

Two aid stations would be set up on NFS lands to provide food, water and first aid to participants. Bear food storage order would be required at the aid stations.

Please contact Darlene Bridges for questions at 837-7538 or darlene.bridges@usda.gov. Comments on the project will be accepted through June 19, 2019. Comments can be sent to comments-northern-flathead-swan-lake@fs.fed.us or 200 Ranger Station Road, Bigfork, MT 59911. The Responsible Official for this project is Swan Lake District Ranger Chris Dowling.

Whitefish Trails Ultra Marathon

Map 1.



Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon
Portion on U.S. Forest Service Land
Swan Lake Ranger District
Flathead National Forest

