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National Bison Range ~ Fishing Area Regulations

Public access for the purposes of fishing, wildlife observation and wildlife/wildland photography is permitted along portions of Mission Creek and the Jocko River within the National Bison Range as described and posted. Fishers must possess a Joint Flathead Reservation Use and Conservation Permit and joint Fishing Stamp. Members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) may fish according to Tribal member regulations in areas open to the public. Other fishers will follow regulations under the State-Tribal Cooperative Agreement.

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Seasons, Creel and Possession Limits: >

According to regulations established and published pursuant to the State-Tribal Cooperative Agreement.

Special Regulations for Mission Creek:

Area open to public access extends from where Mission Creek flows out of the Range (at Highway 212) to the first bridge upstream, located near the maintenance area. The open area resumes from the fence line crossing the creek north of the Environmental Education Site upstream for approximately 1 ½ miles to the AREA CLOSED signs. No access is permitted from the maintenance area upstream to the Environmental Education Site. An accessible fishing pier is available along the Nature Trail.

All visitors to the FISHING AREA on Mission Creek must remain within 100 feet of the stream, regardless of activity.

CAUTION:

Wild animals can be dangerous. Keep your distance and remember wildlife have the “right of way” on National Wildlife Refuges. Mountain lion, bear, elk and bison may be encountered along the Creek.

For further information about fishing opportunities throughout the National Bison Range Complex, contact the Refuge Manager, 58355 Bison Range Road, Moiese, MT 59824; 406-644-2211; Email: bisonrange@fws.gov.

For further information on fishing within the Flathead Indian Reservation boundaries, refer to the Flathead Indian Reservation Fishing Regulations of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (406-675-2700, www.cskt.org) and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (406-752-5501, <http://fwp.mt.gov/>).