



Initial Proposal
Amendments to Recreational Use Administrative Rules
July 11, 2025

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Forestry and Trust Land Division, is proposing amendments to the following administrative rules related to recreational use of trust land:

Adopting New Rules 1-10, and repealing ARM 36.25.143, 36.25.144, 36.25.145, 36.25.146, 36.25.149, 36.25.150, 36.25.152, 36.25.153, 36.25.154, 36.25.155, 36.25.156, 36.25.157, 36.25.161, 36.25.162, 36.25.163, 36.25.164, 36.25.165, 36.25.166, and 36.25.167

The proposed amendments are necessary to renumber recreational use rules for trust land into their own subsection to make rules easier to find, and to simplify language throughout to make the rules easier to understand. New Rules 1-10 replace the repealed rules with simplified language and standardized terminology, and organize rule content to address redundancies. This rulemaking broadly simplifies and organizes content for all rules pertaining to recreational use of trust land while retaining the intent of the original rules.

Montana DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project and invites the public to submit written comments for the proposed amendments and any anticipated environmental impacts. The proposed amendments were published in the [Montana Administrative Register](#) on July 11, 2025. Please submit all comments by **August 8, 2025**, to:

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or by mail to:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Attn: Recreational Use Rules
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Information about this rulemaking effort is also posted online at:

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/public-use/RecreationalUseRules>

