

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Great Bear Wilderness
Flathead National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Great Bear Wilderness on the Flathead National Forest as per Public Law 95-546, 95th Congress, approved 10/28/1978.

10/10/79
Date signed

Robert W. Lavee
for Regional Forester

GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS

The official boundary description and that boundary which is shown on a map titled "Boundary Map" of the Great Bear Wilderness is on file and available in the offices of the Forest Supervisor, Flathead National Forest, Kalispell, Montana, and the Regional Forester, Northern Region, Missoula, Montana.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The area included in the Great Bear Wilderness is located in the Flathead National Forest in Flathead County in the State of Montana. It consists of an area of 286,700 acres, more or less. A detailed description of the boundary follows. All coordinates, bearings, and distances in the boundary description are referred to the Montana State Plane Coordinate System (North Zone) and all references to the United States Public Land Survey System refer to The Principal Meridian.

Beginning at the summit of Great Bear Mountain with approximate coordinates of north 545,120 feet, and east 936,960 feet;
thence northwesterly along the divide between the south and middle fork of the Flathead River, approximately 8.2 miles to a summit with approximate coordinates of north 576,600 feet, and east 925,450 feet;
thence S50°E, approximately 600 feet, to elevation 4,200 feet mean sea level;
thence in southeasterly direction along the 4,200 foot contour approximately 20.8 miles, to an intersection with the north section line of sec. 33, T.31N., R.17W., P.M.M.

Thence easterly along the section line to NE section corner, sec. 34;
thence southerly along the section line to E½ corner, sec. 34;
thence easterly to center sec. 35;
thence southerly to S½ corner, sec. 35;

Thence easterly along the section line across Hidden Creek to intersect with Grant Ridge;
thence southerly to summit of unnamed peak on Grant Ridge with approximate coordinates of north 523,810 feet and east 976,200 feet;
thence approximately S46°E, an approximate distance of 8,000 feet to an unnamed peak on Tunnel Ridge (elevation 5,081 ft.) with approximate north coordinate

518,000 feet, and east 981,650 feet;
thence southerly along Tunnel Ridge to a summit of unnamed
peak elevation 6,703 ft., approximate coordinate of
north 509,520 feet, and east 979,600 feet;
thence approximately S02°E to an unnamed peak on Paola
Ridge (elevation 6,666 feet);
thence S30°E to the intersection of ridge between Dickey
Creek and South Fork Dickey Creek;
thence southwesterly along said ridge to intersect with
east coordinate 974,750 feet, southeast of Dickey
Lake;
thence approximately S32°E, 1.5 miles to an unnamed peak
between Marion Lake and Almeda Lake (elevation 7,798
ft.);
thence northeasterly along ridge between Dickey Creek and
Marion Creek approximately 2.8 miles to intersect with
an east coordinate 991,770 feet;
thence due south approximately 2,520 feet to intersect
with ridge between Marion Creek and Essex Creek;
thence southwesterly along ridge to summit of Essex
Mountain;
thence S24°E, approximately 3,600 feet to the 5,000 feet
elevation on the south side of Essex Creek;
thence northeasterly along the 5,000 feet contour approxi-
mately 2.3 miles to the intersection with the north
section line of sec. 22, T.29N., R.16W., P.M.M. -

Thence easterly along section line to NE section corner,
sec. 22;
thence south along section line to SE section corner sec.
22;
thence easterly along section line to N $\frac{1}{4}$ corner sec. 26;
thence southerly to center sec. 26;
thence easterly to E $\frac{1}{4}$ corner sec. 26;
thence southerly along section line to E $\frac{1}{4}$ corner sec. 35;
thence easterly to center sec. 36;
thence southerly to S $\frac{1}{4}$ corner, sec. 36;
thence easterly along township line to S $\frac{1}{4}$ corner sec. 33,
T.29N., R.15W., P.M.M.

Thence northerly to center sec. 33;
thence easterly to center sec. 35;
thence northerly to N $\frac{1}{4}$ corner, sec. 35;
thence easterly along section line to N $\frac{1}{4}$ corner, sec. 36;
thence northerly to center sec. 25;
thence easterly to E $\frac{1}{4}$ corner sec. 25;
thence northerly along section line to an intersection
with the east section line of sec. 24 and an east-west
line projected from corners 5 and 6 of HES 820;

thence east along said projected line to corner 5 of
HES 820;

Thence N51°E, approximately 1.7 miles to the intersection
with the divide between Skyland Creek and Mule Creek;
thence southerly along the divide between Skyland Creek,
Dodge Creek and Giefer Creek approximately 2.9 miles,
to the summit of an unnamed peak (elevation 7,511
feet) in approximate north coordinate 473,555 feet,
and east 1,053,610 feet, west of Baldhead Mountain;
thence S14°W approximately 4,100 feet to intersect with a
ridge between Twenty-five Mile Creek and Giefer Creek;
thence southerly along ridge to the confluence of Lynx
Creek and Twenty-five Mile Creek;
thence southwesterly along the thread of Twenty-five Mile
Creek to the confluence of Twenty-five Mile Creek and
Moose Creek;
thence due east to the toe of a ridge approximately 500
feet;
thence easterly along a ridge approximately 3.4 miles to
unnamed peak, elevation 6,029 feet with approximate
north coordinate 454,450 feet, and east 1,062,325
feet;
thence approximately N89°E, 9,400 feet to unnamed peak
(elevation 6,964 ft.) with approximate north coordinate
454,280 feet, and east 1,071,710 feet;
thence south along ridge approximately 7,600 feet to an
intersection with an east-west line with north coordi-
nate 446,940 feet;
thence east along ridge to a point with coordinate north
448,000 feet and east 1,080,250 feet;
thence due east to intersect with the thread of Morrison
Creek;
thence southerly along thread of Morrison Creek to the
confluence of Morrison Creek and Crescent Creek;
thence approximately S86°E, 8,400 feet to an unnamed peak
(elevation 7,596 ft.) on Crescent Cliff Ridge with
approximate north coordinate 445,740 feet, and east
coordinate 1,088,730 feet;
thence northerly along ridge on Crescent Cliff to inter-
sect with Flathead/Pondera County line;
thence easterly along the Flathead/Pondera County line to
the intersection with Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary;
thence southerly along Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary
to intersect with the thread of Spotted Bear River;
thence northwesterly along thread of Spotted Bear River
to the intersection with a north-south line with an
east coordinate 1,081,890 feet, near Dean Creek Camp-
site;

thence N13°E approximately 10,000 feet to the intersection with Dean Ridge;
thence northwesterly along the ridge approximately 5.2 miles to Gunsight Peak (elevation 7,180 feet);
thence westerly along the ridge approximately 1.5 miles to Whitcomb Peak (elevation 7,306 feet);
thence westerly along the ridge approximately 1.5 miles to Green Mountain (elevation 7,418 feet);
thence northwesterly along ridge approximately 1.7 miles to Bent Mountain (elevation 7,243 feet);
thence westerly approximately 1.8 miles along the divide to intersect with South Creek;
thence approximately N36°W, approximately 3,700 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 5,326 feet), between South Creek and Nanny Creek;
thence approximately N83°W, 7,300 feet to the confluence of Twin Creek and South Creek;
thence southerly along ridge between Twin Creek and Webb Lake to an unnamed peak (elevation 4,700 feet) with approximate north coordinate 382,050 feet, and east 1,022,700 feet;
thence approximately S62°W, 6,600 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 4,088 feet) between Flat Creek and Twin Creek with approximate north coordinate 379,150 feet, and east 1,016,670 feet;
thence approximately N51°W, 3,200 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 3,987 feet) southeast of the confluence of Twin Creek and North Creek, and approximate north coordinate 381,300 feet, and east 1,014,250 feet;
thence approximately N26°W to Beacon Mountain (elevation 5,367 feet);
thence N43°W approximately 6,300 feet to intersect with a ridge between Hungry Horse Reservoir and Lower Twin Creek (elevation 5,139 feet);
thence northerly along ridge to Crossover Mountain (elevation 6,624 feet);
thence northwesterly along ridge to Dry Park Mountain (elevation 7,196 feet);
thence northwesterly along ridge to Circus Peak (elevation 7,829 feet);
thence northwesterly along ridge to the east peak on Prospector Mountain (elevation 7,850 feet);
thence northerly along ridge to Mount Baptiste (elevation 8,396 feet) excluding 28.69 acres of private land (patented mining claims) The Little Darling (5353) and Jeanette (5354);
thence northerly along ridge to Unawah Mountain (elevation 7,888 feet);
thence westerly along ridge approximately 6,400 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,641 feet) near the headwaters of Paint Creek;

thence approximately N18°W, approximately 9,000 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,481 feet) between Felix Creek and Unawah Creek and approximately 1 mile west of Felix Peak;

thence approximately N45°W, approximately 6,500 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,853 feet) between Felix Creek and Harris Creek;

thence approximately N18°W, approximately 6,200 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,942 feet) between Harris Creek and Canyon Creek;

thence westerly along ridge approximately 4,000 feet to a point with north coordinate 474,900 feet, and east 972,350 feet;

thence N25°W, approximately 5,200 feet to intersect with a ridge between Canyon Creek and Clorinda Creek;

thence northwesterly along ridge approximately 9,000 feet to a point with north coordinate 484,180 feet, and east 966,060 feet;

thence N32°W, approximately 1,400 feet to the thread of Deep Creek;

thence due west 2,800 feet;

thence approximately N11°E, approximately 5,000 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,890 feet) between Murray Creek and McInernie Creek with approximate north coordinate 490,270 feet, and east 964,000 feet;

thence N35°W approximately 12,800 feet to an elevation of 5,000 feet on the north side of Riverside Creek;

thence northwesterly along the 5,000 feet contour approximately 8.6 miles to the intersection with the thread of Lost Mare Creek;

thence approximately N25°W approximately 2,700 feet to an unnamed peak (elevation 6,565 feet) between Lost Mare Creek and Tiger Creek;

thence N7°E to the intersection with the thread of Turmoil Creek;

thence approximately N84°W to an unnamed peak (elevation 5,895 feet) between Tiger Creek and Margaret Creek with approximate north coordinate 533,250 feet, and east 943,100 feet;

thence N46°W approximately 7,600 feet to intersect with a ridge between Margaret Creek and Emery Creek and approximately 1½ miles south of Great Bear Mountain;

thence northerly along ridge to Great Bear Mountain, point of beginning.

The above-described area has been platted on a 1-inch equals 1-mile scaled map which is attached and made a part of this description.