

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS OPEN IN MONTANA

INVESTIGATING A CLOSED ROAD

PUBLIC LAND WATER
ACCESS ASSOCIATION

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FIRST STEPS

When you encounter signage or a gate preventing you from continued access along a road, please do the following:

- Take pictures of the signs or gate. If you can find out the name and number of the road, note it. Using maps, determine the section, township and range of the location of the access issue.
- Take this information to the agency you believe has jurisdiction of the road in question. This could be the County, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or State of Montana office nearest to the location in question.
 - Go to the county office first, even though you may not be sure if the road is under their jurisdiction. They can help put you on the right track to the proper agency.
- When you meet with the agency who may have jurisdiction over the road, show them the evidence you have collected including photos.

OUR MISSION IS TO MAINTAIN, RESTORE, AND PERPETUATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF ALL MONTANA'S PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS.

POSSIBLE RESPONSES

THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC ROAD

Ask for a written response including the agency's knowledge of the road and relevant history..

WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THIS ROAD IS UNDER OUR JURISDICTION

Again, ask for a written response including the agency's knowledge of the road, relevant history and whom to contact next.

NEXT STEPS

WHEN A RESPONSE IS RECEIVED

Pass the response along to PLWA with all collected documentation at plwa@plwa.org. The appropriate person will be assigned the case and will contact you.

We may not be able to act immediately on every complaint but will stay in contact with you and work on next steps when appropriate.