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**Ranch
Talk**



Clearing the Trails



Dunrovin Ranch has a special use permit with the Lolo National Forest to operate guided trail rides on hundreds of miles of mountain trails. While the Forest Service tries to maintain these trails for all users, the guides and outfitters who use the trails have a special obligation to assist and clear the trails that they routinely use.

Montana's winters can bring heavy snows, fierce winds, and freezing temperatures that can damage and bring down any weak trees. Most of the trail clearing efforts occur in late April or early May as soon as the trails themselves are dry enough to use.

James and Kelli Clear Dunrovin Ranch's River Trail



Dunrovin's River Ride Route is Shown in **RED**

The Dunrovin Ranch River Ride takes guests along the west side of the Bitterroot River, across the river, through the cottonwood forest along the east side of the river, up into the Sapphire Mountains, and makes a loop on its return to cross the river again.

Most of the ride occurs in the river bottom that is flooded nearly every Spring. The floods always bring debris and fallen trees from upstream and deposit them wherever they happen to land when the flood waters recede.

Clearing Dunrovin's River Ride trail must wait until the flooding has stopped, the water is once again confined to its channel, and the river is shallow enough to be safe to cross on horseback.

Don't let the cowboy hat fool you! Our very talented tech guru James Wasem is more than a little handy with tools of all kinds, including a chainsaw. But horses are new to him. He's in for some on-the-job training with horses!



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