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Hamilton, Montana (July 12, 2017) – Two recreation events will take place on the Bitterroot National Forest this month. Both events are occurring on the Darby/Sula Ranger District and are authorized under special use permits.

On Sunday, July 16th the Bitter Root Land Trust is holding their ninth annual “Tour of the Bitterroot” bike ride. The 48-mile “Skalkaho Mountain Tour” ride starts on Sleeping Child Road and heads up Skalkaho Road before turning on Forest Roads #75 and #720 in the Sleeping Child drainage. For riders looking for a shorter option, the “Sleeping Child Ride” is a 20-mile loop up and back Sleeping Child Road with views of open agricultural lands, the Bitterroot River, and Como Peaks. Both rides begin at Red Barn Bicycles off Sleeping Child Road. For younger riders there is the “Kids Dirt Road Derby” (1-mile) for ages 7 and under which begins at 1:30pm. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes! All roads will remain open to vehicles and signs will be posted along the route alerting motorists of cyclists on the road. For more details visit www.tourofthebitterroot.org

The second event is occurring on Saturday, July 22nd at the Lake Como Recreation Area. The ninth annual Lake Como Triathlon will begin at 8 a.m. and last until around 2 p.m. Participants will compete in a 1500 yard swim, 12.6 mile bike ride and 7.7 mile run. The event is open to the public but parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged. All vehicles also need a day or season pass to park in the Lake Como Recreation Area. The \$5 day passes can be purchased on site, at all Forest Service offices, and at area retailers. For more details visit www.lakecomotri.com

For more information contact the Darby/Sula Ranger District at (406) 821-3913. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

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