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EXPECT ROAD DELAYS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Paonia, CO (June 23, 2008) - District Ranger Levi Broyles issued an advisory today regarding delays that can be expected to occur while traveling on certain roads within the Paonia Ranger District. Heavy road maintenance and construction is anticipated to be ongoing on certain forest roads through September, in preparation for traffic and trucks working to install the Bull Mountain Pipeline. The affected roads include: Forest Road 265-the Buzzard Divide (also referred to as the McClure/Collbran Road) from the eastern boundary of the Gunnison National Forest for approximately 1.25 miles West; and Forest Road 844 (the Clear Fork Road) for about 1.5 miles north of its junction with Forest Road 265.

In both of these areas, one-way traffic is anticipated on the roads and will be directed by traffic control personnel throughout the summer. Up to two-hour delays can be anticipated.

“We have worked hard on this project to try to minimize the impact to travelers as much as possible,” stated Broyles. “Unfortunately, there will be some inconvenience in these areas which will affect some people. Hopefully, folks will use other routes to the extent possible and the use of traffic control personnel will minimize the effects to those who must travel along these routes, while providing for enhanced safety during the road maintenance and construction activities.”

Broyles went on to explain that a Forest Supervisor Closure Order along the Bull Mountain Pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) will also be put into place to provide for enhanced public safety during construction activities. The Closure Order will include an area 200 feet wide along the ROW which will prohibit persons, “stopping, standing or parking on roads crossing the ROW corridor unless directed by traffic control personnel.”

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