| **Situation or Background** | On June 14, the U.S. Forest Service learned that the Rainbow Family of Living Light selected the Adams Park area of northwest Routt County on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District for its 50th anniversary gathering. The incident will coincide with the Fourth of July holiday, and participants have already begun arriving. The Forest will experience the highest concentration of visitors to the incident during the first week of July. The incident is expected to draw around 10,000 attendees.

After July 4, a group of Rainbow Family members stay on site for several weeks to work on clean-up and rehabilitation.

Current attendance is estimated to be around 2100 attendees.

For a map and additional information on the Rainbow Gathering Incident please visit [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering). |
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| **Safety Concerns and/or Advisories** | If traveling in the Adams Park area especially along Routt County Road 80, please be aware of parked cars along the roadway and pedestrians in and around vehicles or walking along the roadway. **Please slow down.**

**Wildlife**

We share the outdoors with a variety of animals who make the forest their home. Remember, these are not pets. Keep a safe distance from them and be careful not to disturb their habitat.

Many people never encounter a bear. But if you do, here's some simple advice:

- **DO NOT RUN.**
- Remain calm.
- Group together and pick up small children.
- Continue to face the bear and back away slowly, talking calmly to identify yourself as a human.
- If the bear continues to approach, try to scare it away by making yourself as large and imposing as possible by stretching your arms overhead and making loud noises.
- Carry and know how to use bear spray, which is available at many outdoor retailers and can be used to deter a charging bear.

**Food Storage**

Bears are always searching for food. Bears are curious, intelligent animals that have great memories. Their eyesight is similar to humans and their sense of |

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smell is seven times more powerful than a blood hound’s, enabling them to smell food from miles away.

Those are the very traits that can sometimes get them – and us – into trouble. Most bears are wary of humans and try to avoid them. However, bears can learn to associate people with food and be tenacious in their pursuit of something to eat. Even if humans are around.

**Everyone in bear country must do our part to store food and other attractants in bear-resistant containers at all times and dispose of trash properly.**

Bears remember and recognize familiar food sources like favorite berry patches, decaying logs swarming with delectable insects, and streams and rivers teeming with fish that provide much needed fat and protein.

But bears also remember human packs, campsites, and dwellings offer tempting options. While bears are attracted to any edible food, they also might try to feast on items we might not consider edible:

- toothpaste
- shampoo
- lotion
- soap
- cooking utensils
- empty cans
- wrappers
- coolers
- pet food
- bird seed
- garbage
- petroleum products (including fuel)

For more information on food storage, visit the [Bear-Resistant Food Canister](https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/bears/bear-resistant-food-canister) web page at www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/bears/bear-resistant-food-canister.

**Closures**

On June 25, 2022, at 8 a.m., a temporary area closure began for a large portion of California Park on the Routt National Forest. The Forest Closure Order was established for natural resource protection due to the high probability for excessive public use leading up to and during the Fourth of July holiday. Details can be found on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland website at [www.fs.usda.gov/mbr](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbr) under Visit Us and Alerts and Notices. **Please note that Routt County Road 80 remains open.**

**Parking Information**

No Parking signs have been placed along Routt County Road 80 in locations where the road is narrow and two lanes of traffic are not possible. Please follow all posted restrictions.
| Weather – Adams Park, CO | Monday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 1pm and 5pm. Sunny, with a high near 68. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.  
Monday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south after midnight.  
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. South wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.  
Tuesday night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming south southeast after midnight. |
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| **Information** | Public Information: (970) 364-2201 or email SM.FS.RainbowIMT@usda.gov.  
Additional Rainbow Gathering Incident information can be found at http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering.  
Routt County Sheriff’s Office  
Dial 911 for emergencies  
Non-emergencies: (970) 879-1090  
| **Protected Sites** | The Forest Service protects many sensitive resource sites. Sensitive resource areas include wildlife areas, cultural sites, riparian areas and wetlands. Restricting access to such areas provides protection for several Threatened wildlife species and other aquatic and wildlife species. Excavation and/or removal of prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structures, sites, artifacts, or property is prohibited. |