| 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 3400 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). |
| Safety Concerns and/or Advisories | Larkspur  

Right now the Mule’s Ears (*Wyethia* sp.) are in full bloom in the Adams Park area. This relative of the sunflower is hard to miss with its bright yellow flowers. The USDA has a Celebrating Wildflowers program at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wildflowers](https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wildflowers) which is a good source of information about our native wildflowers and it is important to note that some of the wildflowers in the area are poisonous to the touch and potentially deadly if eaten. Larkspur are blooming (purple/blue spike of flowers about a foot and a half tall) in Adams Park now too and they are toxic. This wildflower has been responsible for cattle death across the West when unsuspecting animals graze them. In general, it is best to leave vegetation undisturbed for your own health. |
| Closures | On June 25, 2022, 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 | Thursday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between noon and 3pm, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 67. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Thursday night: Showers and thunderstorms likely before 9pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 9pm and midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south southeast in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Friday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after noon. Sunny through mid-morning, then becoming mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Friday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east southeast after midnight. |
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| Information | Public Information: (970) 364-2201 or email SM.FS.RainbowIMT@usda.gov.


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. |