



Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee

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Welcome Back! Peaks to Prairie will be publishing bi-weekly through April 2025.

3 Lakes Ice Fishing Contest

The 3 Lakes Ice Fishing Contest returns to Sulphur Ranger District Jan. 24-26, 2025. The longest running ice fishing tournament west of the Mississippi, 3 Lakes is held annually on Lake Granby, Grand Lake and Shadow Mountain Reservoir.

Forest users can expect to see increased ice fishing traffic in tournament areas during the event. Contestants and spectators parking in [fee areas](#) of the Arapaho National Recreation Area can pay day use fees at available pay stations, or purchase a pass through [recreation.gov](#). Interagency passes are also accepted, and should be displayed visibly in vehicles.

Visit [Destination Granby](#) for more information about the event.

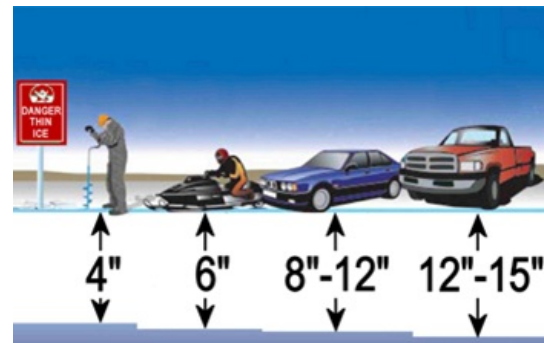


Pierson Park Closure

Pierson Park Road (FSR 119) on Canyon Lakes Ranger District is [temporarily closed to all users from its junction with Boulder County Road 82 to a point 3.8 miles north](#), as heavy equipment operators complete fuels removal along the roadway.

While Pierson Park Road is seasonally closed to motorized traffic from December through mid-June, this closure also prohibits non-motorized use and includes the road and a 500 foot buffer on either side.

This mechanical fuels removal work is part of the [Pierson Park Fuel Break Project](#), aiming to address overgrown and hazardous forest conditions along ingress and egress



Ice Safety

While icy temperatures have begun in earnest, many bodies of water on the Forests have open water and thin ice characteristic of early season conditions. Recreators are encouraged to exercise caution.

Drill test holes to check ice thickness, and monitor ice conditions throughout the day as warming temperatures can contribute to thinning. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), traction devices, and other safety equipment are recommended. Have a companion with you, and let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.

Venturing out on the ice is done at your own

roads south of Estes Park.

Find more information about the closure on [our website](#).

risk. Looking for more safety tips? [Watch a short video](#) featuring Colorado Parks and Wildlife mascot Elbert the Bighorn Sheep.

Trailhead Closure

Lower Maxwell Falls Trailhead on Clear Creek Ranger District is temporarily closed as Jefferson County replaces a culvert. The closure is expected to last through the end of March. Upper Maxwell Falls Trailhead is open, providing access to area trails. Updated trailhead status can be found [on our website](#).

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