



Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee

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Be Weather Wise!

Although signs of spring are starting to show, winter conditions are still prevalent at higher elevations. High mountain passes can require specialized mountaineering skills and equipment to access until early July. If you venture into the high country, be prepared for wind and snow, have necessary safety equipment, and **Know Before You Go!**

Earth Day on The ARP

To celebrate Earth Day, Forest Service staff will be participating in events across the forest.

April 19: Sulphur Ranger District staff will host an educational booth at the 2024 Earth Day Celebration and Community Festival in Winter Park from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. More details can be found at the **Headwaters Center's website**.

April 19-21: Staff from across the Rocky Mountain Region will be hosting a Forest Service booth at the Children's Museum of Denver's **Party for our Planet** Earth Day celebration! Doors open at 9 a.m.

April 22: **Loveland Ski Area** will host Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear for an Earth Day celebration. Attendees can enjoy Earth Day activities presented by Forest Service rangers, learn about the ecology of the area, and enlist in the Junior Ranger program!



Broadcast Burns and Trail Closures

Pile burning has concluded for the season, with 34,000 piles burned across the Arapaho Roosevelt. With the shift to spring conditions, fire crews are now focused on



We Love Our Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, and is a great opportunity to recognize the amazing work done by volunteers across the ARP.

broadcast burning opportunities.

Fire managers initiated ignitions April 15 in the **Forsythe Canyon area** in Boulder County, with further ignitions potentially occurring later this week into next week. The **immediate area** is closed to the public throughout the project.

Crews are monitoring conditions to begin the **Magic Feather Prescribed Burn** near Red Feather Lakes, with ignitions starting as soon as April 23. The **Molly Lake, Elkhorn and Lady Moon trail systems** will be closed during operations.

In 2023, over 2,000 volunteers donated 53,492 hours in support of the Forest Service mission. Volunteers wrote trail reports, engaged the public at recreation sites around the forest, provided logistical support and labor for construction and maintenance projects, and so much more.

Volunteer organizations operate on both sides of the Continental Divide. Check out the updated **Volunteer page** to learn more about volunteering opportunities in your area.

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