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La Bonte Canyon Road Passable, but Travel Caution Urged by Forest Service

(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) June 10, 2016 – The Douglas Ranger District would like visitors to the Laramie Peak area to be aware that La Bonte Canyon Road (Forest Road 658) has been fixed, but that the solution is temporary and that caution should be used by travelers.

The road was washed out this spring, so a temporary road surface and culvert have been installed. It is now narrower than normal, roughly half the width it was before, and not recommended for heavy loads. Plans are for the U.S. Forest Service to install a permanent bridge in the future.

La Bonte Canyon Road is a popular route on the extreme northern edge of Albany County, just south of the Converse County line and off County Road 61/16 (Fetterman Road). The road is in the Medicine Bow National Forest and accesses a series of trails, as well as Curtis Gulch Campground.

Additional travel updates on the Laramie Peak unit:

- Bear Creek Road (Forest Road 671) is flooded on Bear Creek south of Friend Park and it is not recommended for travel.
- Arapaho Trail (Forest Road 640) has deep ruts and mud tracks and it is not recommended for travel at this time. Users have been illegally leaving the road bed causing multiple tracks (braiding) and unapproved routes, which is creating issues for future use. Additionally, the damage is not limited to public land, as users have continued on to private land/roads, not included in the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

The District is stressing that the public should stay on designated travel routes and approach all area roads with caution, especially following any storms that may move through the area.

Please contact the Douglas Ranger District for current road conditions. For more information, call (307-358-4690) or stop by the office at 2250 E. Richards St. in Douglas, Wyo.

Free Motor Vehicle Use Maps can be obtained at the District Office or online versions can be found here, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

Information can also be found at the website listed above or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, [@FS_MBRTB](https://twitter.com/FS_MBRTB).

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