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Missouri Lakes Trail Closure for Bridge Replacement

Minturn, Colo. – July 5, 2016 – The Missouri Lakes Trail #2033 will be closed to all users from August 15 through August 22 to allow replacement of bridge #2 over Missouri Creek.

The Eagle-Holy Cross Wilderness and Trail crews will be working with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps crews to replace this bridge using native stringers and decking.

“We know this may inconvenience some users but the bridge is in desperate need of replacement and providing a safe and enjoyable recreation experience is a top priority for the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District,” stated Aaron Mayville, District Ranger. “We tried to find a detour around the bridge site, however due to the topography, there were no viable options.”

The crews will begin working on the trail starting July 18 by prepping for the bridge work and reconstructing wet area crossings (turnpikes) along the entire length of the trail. For that reason, from July 18 through August 22, the Missouri Lakes Trail will be closed to all pack-stock (horses, llamas, mules) use as well.

From August 15 through August 22, hikers and backpackers may continue to hike to Missouri Lakes using the Fancy Creek Trail #2006, but will not be able to make a loop out of the hike. Please respect this closure since it is in place for both worker and public safety.

For more information about alternative backpacking/hiking opportunities near Missouri Lakes Trail, please contact the Eagle-Holy Cross Office at 970-827-5715, or stop by during business hours Monday-Saturday from 8:00-4:30.

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