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Reds Meadow Valley Road Closed for the Season

The Reds Meadow Valley Road is closed for the season.

The Inyo National Forest makes every effort to keep the Reds Meadow Valley Road open through October 15th. After October 15th, the road remains open until natural conditions such as snow or ice warrants closure of the road. The road temporarily closed for a mudslide that occurred on October 16th but re-opened on October 21st to provided continued access to the valley and Devils Postpile National Monument into the late season.

The road closed (temporarily) for the incoming storm last Friday and remained closed for the season due to winter conditions.

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The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.