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Winter road conditions on Black Mesa Ranger District

Springerville, AZ; January 30, 2018— Although most roads on the forest remain open including Forest Road 300, recent snow in the Rim Country has made some forest roads impassable. For public safety and resource protection, The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Black Mesa Ranger District (BMRD) has implemented wheeled motor vehicle restrictions, which affect access to Woods Canyon Lake and the Mogollon Rim Visitor's Center. Both locations have been gated closed due to icy conditions but are still open to non-motorized modes of travel including skis, snowshoe, and foot.

Forest roads are not plowed, maintained, or regularly patrolled during the winter months. While most roads remain open, visitors are highly cautioned against driving on snow packed, icy, or muddy roads. If traveling in the forest is absolutely necessary, high-clearance 4-wheel drive is recommended. Be sure to carry a cell phone and extra food and clothing. Always let someone know where you plan to travel and when you expect to be home. Visitors who are found to be causing ruts or other damage on or off forest roads are subject to fines for resource damage and are responsible for any costs incurred if they need a tow truck to pull their vehicle back onto solid ground. Plan ahead and be safe.

For the latest information go to www.azdot.gov/KnowSnow or www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1 to reach ADOT's Traveler Information Center. For questions please contact us at 928-535-7300 or visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/asnf.

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