

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ROAD AND CAMPING CONDITIONS ON THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST**

**Vernal, Utah (May 26, 2005)-** With the Memorial Day weekend soon approaching and wet road conditions on the Forest, the Ashley National Forest would like to discourage all travel on non-paved roads. Any travel above 8000 feet is discouraged.

Forest roads that are currently closed are the Taylor Mountain, Brownie Canyon, Colton Hollow, Whiterocks Canyon, Uintah Canyon (above Uinta Group Use Site), Hades Canyon (Road to Grandview Trailhead), and the Paradise Park road. With the current conditions on the Forest, public safety is a concern. For your safety, avoid crossing drainages with flowing water and wet or snow-covered roads.

All campgrounds on the Vernal Ranger District are closed due to wet conditions. A number of campgrounds are closed or will be closed on the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District. Currently closed campgrounds include the Yellowstone Campground, Riverview Campground, Aspen Campground, Pole Creek Campground, Avintaquin Campground, Smoky Springs

Campground, and Wandin Campground in Uinta Canyon. All campgrounds in the Uintas are threatened by flooding. Higher elevation campgrounds are not open due to snow pack. **All campgrounds are open on the Flaming Gorge Recreation area.**

The public is encouraged to call for the most current information. For information contact the Vernal Ranger District at 355 North Vernal Avenue, (435) 789-1181, the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger Districts at (435) 738-2482 or (435) 722-5018, and the Flaming Gorge Ranger District at (435) 784-3445.

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