

NEWS RELEASE

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ROAD AND CAMPING CONDITIONS ON THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

Vernal, Utah (June 9, 2005) – Because of wet conditions on the Ashley National Forest some Forest roads have been temporarily closed. Also, there are campgrounds that have not been opened for the season.

Forest roads that are currently closed are: Brownie Canyon, Whiterocks Canyon, Paradise Park, and Uintah Canyon (above the Uinta Group Use Site), Hades Canyon (road to the Grandview Trailhead), and the Hells Canyon Road. Roads that have been re-opened are: the road from Highway 191 to Kaler Hollow on the Red Cloud Loop, Taylor Mountain, and the Rock Creek Drainage road.

On the Vernal Ranger District the Iron Springs Group Campground will be closed intermittently until June 30, due to hazardous tree removal. East Park, Kaler Hollow and Colton Guard Station are the only developed recreation sites currently open on the Vernal Ranger District. Currently closed campgrounds on the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District include the

Yellowstone Campground, Riverview Campground, Pole Creek Campground, Avintaquin Campground, and in Uinta Canyon the Smoky Springs and Wandin Campgrounds. All campgrounds and marinas are open on the Flaming Gorge National Recreation area.

During the next few weeks, a 900 foot section of the Oaks Park Canal is planned for repair, due to damage from heavy runoff. The repairs will take place in the Davis Hollow area, located along the Alma Taylor 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. Travel on non-paved roads and above 8000 feet elevation is discouraged. Please be very cautious of road equipment when driving.

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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