

## NEWS RELEASE



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**Subject:** Vernal Ranger District Road Conditions

These are road conditions on the Vernal Ranger District as of Monday May 19, 2008

**All roads on the district are currently closed** due to wet conditions and presence of snow drifts. We should be able to open a portion of the Red Cloud Loop road by Friday.

The following roads are expected to be **open** for Memorial Day weekend:

East Park Hwy (Forest System Road--FSR--#020) will be open from Hwy 191 to the East Park Campground junction

Access to East Park reservoir (FSR #025) will be questionable because of heavy snow drifts

Red Cloud Loop road (FSR #018) will be open from Hwy 191/East Park Hwy to Kaler Hollow

Taylor Mountain road (FSR #044) will be open from the Forest boundary to Kaler Hollow  
Dry Fork Canyon road (FSR #018 & #031) will be open from the Forest boundary up to Massey Meadow

Diamond Mountain road (FSR #048) is not gate, so it will be open but there could still be a few snow drifts

Whiterocks Canyon Road (FSR# 492) is already open and we are monitoring it in case heavy runoff from the river causes us to close it due to flooding

The following Recreation facilities should be accessible

Whiterocks Campground will be open for Memorial Day weekend (No water, no reservations, 1stCome-1stServed only)

Iron Spring Group campground will be open form Memorial Day weekend (No water, reservations ONLY)

Colton Guard Station (no water, reservations only starting June1)

Kaler Hollow

All other major recreation site and reservoirs will remain either closed or inaccessible through Memorial Day weekend

The following major roads will remain **closed** through the weekend and will be opened when conditions allow

Red Cloud Loop Road (FSR #018) from Brownie Canyon to Kaler Hollow

"White cloud loop" road (FSR #020) from East Park to Red Cloud Loop junction at Trout Creek

Mosby Mountain/Paradise Reservoir road (FSR #104)

Please remind the public that just because some of the major arterial roads will be open, it does not mean that the smaller roads branching from them will be dry. Everyone is expected to use proper judgement and avoid damaging roads and OHV trails or creating resource damage on wet meadows; such action may result in a violation notice/ticket.