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WINTER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT ON VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT

Vernal, Utah (April 21, 2005) – Due to heavy snow and muddy conditions winter travel restrictions are still in effect on the Vernal Ranger District. A recent check of the Snow Tel measuring site in the Mosby Mountain area reports a snow depth of just less than 5 feet. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on Ranger District roadways until May 16th. Even after the May 16th date, the Ranger District still expects that many roads will be inaccessible due to remaining snow. Every year there are several people who do not obey these restrictions and find themselves stranded with stuck vehicles. This results in a safety risk and an expense to have their vehicle moved. Also, there is a high risk of resource damage in these conditions.

The Ashley National Forest would like to remind everyone to be very cautious when traveling on forest roads. For further information about road conditions on the Ashley National Forest contact the Ashley National Forest at (435) 789-1181 or 355 North Vernal Avenue.

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