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Special Closure Order for the U-Bar Ranch, Wandin Campground and Smokey Springs Trailhead Due to the Potential for Mudslides

Vernal, Utah ... The Ashley National Forest has issued a special closure order for the U-Bar Ranch, Wandin Campground and the Smokey Springs Trailhead beginning at Noon on Friday August 3, 2007, due to the potential of mudslides from an unstable slope that could impact these locations.

Forest Supervisor Kevin B. Elliott stated, "This closure is intended to provide for public health and safety due to the potential for mudslides. The slope above the U-Bar Ranch and Wandin Campground is naturally unstable and is not a result of the Neola North Fire that recently burned near this location."

The restrictions put in place by this order are;

1. Being in the Wandin Campground or Smokey Springs Trailhead after sundown or before sunrise, 36 CFR 261.58(l)
2. Using any type of motor vehicle on the portion of the Uinta Canyon Road described below, 36 CFR 261.54(a)
3. Entering or being within the permit area for the U-Bar Ranch resort.

Exemptions to this closure order include U-Bar Ranch personnel or U-Bar Ranch clients accompanied by at least one U-Bar Ranch employee after sunrise and before sundown.

Non-motorized use of the Uinta River Trail #044 after sunrise and before sundown is allowed.

The area affected by this closure includes that portion of the Uinta Canyon Road, Forest System Road #118, from the junction of Uintah Canyon Trailhead, north to U-Bar Ranch located at the terminus.