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Portion of Brown Duck Basin Closed for High Lakes Stabilization Project

Roosevelt, Utah ... Sections of the trails in Brown Duck Basin in the High Uintas Wilderness Area on the Ashley National Forest will be closed from June 25th through October 15th while work to breach the earthen and rock dams at Brown Duck and Island Lake and return the lakes to natural levels are completed.

District Ranger John R. Kirkaldie stated, "These closures are to ensure public safety as there will be blasting, heavy equipment work and helicopter flights in the closure area as the dams are breached and secured. The public will still be able to access Brown Duck and Island Lakes during this time frame along temporary access routes."

There are two area closures and two trail closures within about half-a-mile of each other. Both are located within the Brown Duck Basin:

1. That area and part of the FS Trail #065 included in that area, east of Island Lake and including part of Island Lake, starting at the junction of FS Trail #065 and the Island Lake Temporary Access Trail Reroute, heading due west into Island Lake for approximately 300 feet, then due south for approximately 800 feet, then due east for approximately 1500 feet, then due north for approximately 450 feet to Island Lake Temporary Access Trail Reroute, then west, following the Island Lake Temporary Access Trail Reroute, but not including the Island Lake Temporary Access Trail Reroute, then, back to the beginning point to the junction with FS Trail #065.
2. That area and part of the FS Trail #065 included in that area, east of Brown Duck Lake and including part of Brown Duck Lake, starting at the junction of FS Trail #065 and Brown Duck Temporary Access Trail Reroute heading west southwest for approximately 120 feet to the shoreline of Brown Duck Lake, then due south for approximately 650 feet, then due east for approximately 600 feet, then due north for approximately 225 feet to the junction of FS Trail #062 and FS Trail #065, then north along FS Trail #062, but not including FS Trail #062, to the junction of Brown Duck Temporary Access Trail Reroute, but not including the Brown Duck Temporary Access Trail Reroute, and heading west to the beginning point at the junction of the Brown Duck Temporary Access Trail Reroute and FS Trail #065.

2008 Brown Duck and Island Lake Closure Map EXHIBIT 1

