



# NEWS RELEASE

## Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland

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### **Forest Road 80 to Hog Park Remains Closed**

(Walden, September 1, 2009) – Road and trailhead closures will continue to affect public access in the Big Creek Lakes, Encampment River, and Hog Park Reservoir areas of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. Forest Service Road 80, which was originally closed in August of this year as crews with heavy equipment cut and removed beetle killed trees from along the roadway, will remain closed through this fall as additional beetle killed trees are removed. The closure is in effect from the Encampment River Bridge near Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming to its junction with Forest Road 681 near Pearl, Colorado.

At this time, hunters, anglers and other recreationists will NOT be able to access the Encampment River Trailhead (FSR 496) in Wyoming via Forest Road 80 or the Buffalo Ridge (FSR 682) and Line Creek (FSR 690) Trailheads in Colorado. Visitors traveling west from Cowdrey, Colorado will NOT be able to reach Hog Park. The alternate route to Hog Park is from Encampment, Wyoming on Forest Service Road 550.

The road closure is posted along Jackson County Road 6W at Cowdrey and at the junction with Jackson County Road 7 near Independence Mountain. The endpoints of the closure may change as tree removal progresses, so visitors should be sure to contact local Forest Service district offices in Saratoga, Wyoming (307.326.5258) or Walden, Colorado (970.723.8204) to check access before heading to the woods this fall.

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