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Logging Closes Kings Canyon System of Roads on Routt National Forest

(WALDEN, Colo.) March 10, 2014 – Hazard-tree logging operations in the Kings Canyon area of the Routt National Forest commenced last week and Forest users should prepare in advance for the accompanying travel route closures.

The Kings Canyon area project is being worked by West Range Reclamation under a stewardship contract and logging operations will continue throughout the year.

The affected travel routes are on the Parks Ranger District in the northeast corner of the Routt National Forest and include Forest Roads 204 (Kings Canyon Road or Jackson County Road 46), 876, 879, 880, 881, 882, 884, 885, as well as their system spurs normally open to public travel.

The road system will be closed at the Forest Boundary and no public travel will be allowed. This prohibition applies to wheeled motor vehicles and all other forms of motorized and non-motorized travel, including travel over snow on the Restricted Roads and their rights-of-way, adjacent public parking areas, non-forested areas adjacent to the Restricted Roads, and including any travel within a quarter mile either side of the center line of the Restricted Roads.

Closures will be signed at County Road 6E and 46 to allow for safe vehicle turnaround. The Kings Canyon area is adjacent to the popular North Sand Hills in Jackson County, Colo.

The portion of National Forest north of Kings Canyon, near the Colorado/Wyoming state line will still be seasonally accessible via Forest Roads 213, 889 and 516.

Forest visitors should expect to encounter log trucks traveling along Colorado Highway 127. Recreationists are also reminded to be aware of and avoid heavy equipment operating in the area. Do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for public safety.

Temporary road and area closures are a short-term inconvenience needed to provide safe access in the long-term. Visitors need to be aware of ongoing changes that may affect travel on the National Forest.

For more information about Kings Canyon or other projects please call (970) 723-2700 or stop by the Parks Ranger District at 100 Main Street in Walden between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Information on other road closures and projects can also be found on the following website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

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