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Tree Removal Continues Near Rand on Routt National Forest

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 30, 2014 – Routt National Forest (RNF) users should be aware that hazard-tree logging operations are ongoing in the Willow Creek Pass area south of Rand, Colo., resulting in temporary closures of several Forest roads and a trail.

The affected travel routes are on the Parks Ranger District in the southeast corner of the RNF. They originate off Colorado Highway 125 in the Troublesome area and include Forest Road 732.1, as well as the 756 Road and multiple spurs that are normally open to public travel. The 1226.1C Trail, which crosses the 732 Road, will also be closed during operations.

This project, in the Parkview Creek drainage and the east portion of the Rabbit Ears Range, is part of the RNF Long Term Stewardship Contract and has been ongoing since March of this year. Work on the 755 and 766 Roads has already been completed. The current work is slated to be finished prior to big-game hunting seasons this fall.

No public travel will be allowed on the closed roads and trail. This prohibition applies to wheeled motor vehicles and all other forms of motorized and non-motorized travel.

Forest visitors should expect to encounter log trucks traveling along Colorado Highway 125. 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 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](https://twitter.com/MBRNFstBNG).

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