

ENGINEERING FACILITIES

Roads, bridges, dams and facilities

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) maintains more than 1,570 miles of roads open to motorized travel and manages 166 administrative facilities. Engineering continues to support the resource needs necessary for management of the National Forests and Grassland by continuing to right-size its facilities to meet the current and future demands.



Sulphur Ranger District staff work to assess damage caused by a sinkhole on Stillwater Pass Road. An old wooden culvert beneath the road had failed during spring runoff.

ENGINEERING 2013 FACTS

- **25 miles** system road decommissioned and 7 miles unauthorized routes decommissioned.
- **343 miles** passenger car roads maintained.
- **19 miles** passenger car roads reconstructed.
- **67 miles** high clearance roads maintained.
- **22 miles** high clearance roads reconstructed.
- **66 miles** of roads maintained for roadside hazard tree and bark beetle work.
- **50 administrative facilities** maintained to standard.
- **2 administrative facilities** decommissioned.

▶ ARP engineers have worked with a multidisciplinary group to plan and identify routes for decommissioning on an annual basis for the benefit of wildlife and watersheds. The majority of the road decommissioning continues to be done on the Sulphur Ranger District under the **Legacy Road and Trails program**, with nearly 27 miles decommissioned under this program in 2013.

▶ The ARP dedicated the majority of its discretionary road funding for **roadside hazard tree removal** and **Long Term Stewardship** road support. More than 67 miles of road maintenance support for the Longterm Stewardship and roadside hazard tree work were completed on the Forest in 2013.

▶ Ranger districts on the ARP partner with local counties for **Schedule A road maintenance** with most counties under a road agreement. Schedule A accounts for over 85 percent of the roads maintained for passenger cars across the Forest.

▶ The ARP partnered with Boulder County to secure \$4.6 million for the resurfacing of the lower two miles of the **Brainard Lake Road** under the **Federal Lands Access Program**.

▶ The ARP is partnering with the Federal Highways Administration for the replacement of the **Brainard Lakes Outlet Bridge** under the **Federal Lands Transportation Program**.

▶ The ARP continues to right-size its fire, administrative and other facilities by optimizing space in its existing facilities while balancing the needs to manage the resources. The ARP has an **active conveyance program** to assist in its right sizing and maintaining of its facilities. In addition, the Forest utilizes building demolition contracts. In fiscal year 2013, two facilities on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District were contracted to be decommissioned.



Flood damaged road on the Boulder Ranger District.



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