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Possible Snow Plowing on NFSR 500

(Laramie, Wyo.) Nov. 12, 2009 – Periodic snow plowing is likely to occur on National Forest System Road 500 up to December 15 while crews remove beetle-killed trees. The Laramie Ranger District contracted hazard tree removal work in the vicinity of Rob Roy Campground, including trees from alongside NFSR 500, which runs east from Albany, Wyoming. The contractor is permitted to plow snow as needed to safely access the project area and allow for removal of equipment when the work is completed.

The Forest Service is having the dead trees cut down so they don't fall on roads where the public travels, potentially blocking access or causing damage and injury. Dead trees can fall without warning, so "look up, look down and look around" when traveling in the forest. Pine trees without needles, or with red needles are dead and can fall down at any time. Don't camp or park where they could land on your vehicle, tent or other equipment should they fall down.

Also, precautions should be taken while in the vicinity of Rob Roy Campground where the roadside hazard tree removal activity is occurring. The Laramie Ranger District appreciates the public's patience and cooperation while it address hazard tree concerns along main travel ways such as forest roads and snowmobile trails. For more information please call 307-745-2300.

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