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Bear Creek road closed, caution urged at Laramie Peak Unit

(Douglas, Wyo.) -- Bear Creek Road, (NFSR 671) in Laramie Peak area is closed for about 8 miles due to spring run-off damage. From the south, the Bear Creek road is closed where it intersects with the Arapaho Trail Road. On the north, it's closed 2.5 miles south of where Bear Creek Road intersects with Friend Park Campground.

"This closure is for public safety," said Amy Ormseth, acting deputy district ranger. "There are numerous places where water run-off from snow melt and spring rains have caused severe damage to the road, creating the likelihood of getting stuck or incurring vehicle damage."

Access to Laramie Peak Trailhead and Friend Park Campground is still available via Esterbrook Road - Albany Co Road 710, and using the northern portion of the Bear Creek Road.

"We also urge people to use caution when traveling in other areas of the Laramie Peak Unit," Ormseth said. "Some damage has occurred on other roads, so just be careful and drive slowly."

Across the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, the spring of 2010 caused many washed out culverts, hillside slumps and road damage. The Forest Service road crew is working diligently to make repairs and roads will reopen as soon as they are repaired. Please call the Douglas Ranger District for the most current information, 307-358-4690.

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