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Building structures on National Forest not allowed

(Steamboat Springs, Colo) Dec. 3, 2010 – Snow lovers are reminded that it's okay to build small ski and snowboarding jumps from snow, but not okay to cut live trees and use other materials to build snow jumps or any other structures.

The US Forest Service recently encountered people on Rabbit Ears Pass building a 9-foot high jump. Another party had cut down live trees to make a shelter. Makeshift warming/imbibing shelters are also not allowed on the national Forest. These are usually made from trees and plastic and often result in litter being left in the forest.

“You can't build any structure on the national forest unless you have permission from the forest service,” said Kent Foster, recreation manager for the Hahn Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs. “This law is for natural resource protection and public safety.” He added that the law also applies to the Steamboat Ski Area on the Routt National Forest. Cutting trees also requires a permit from the forest service.

A citation could result in a court appearance, fines and jail time. For more information about recreation on your national forests, please call 970-870-2299 or visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

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