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National Forest Road and Trail Projects Underway in the Steamboat Area

(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) June 22, 2012 – This summer, multiple forest management projects will take place across the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District (HPBE) of the Routt National Forest. Projects include road maintenance, hazard tree removal from roadsides and trails, as well as fuels reduction and thinning.

In some cases the projects have already resulted in temporary road and trail closures. Visitors should be aware that this is a very active program of work. Limited access and motorized recreational opportunities are likely for some Forest users.

In general, rolling trail and road closures will occur across the district in response to logging operations associated with the bark beetle epidemic. National Forest System Road (NFSR) and National Forest System Trail (NFST) closures are required during active logging operations for public safety. All attempts will be made to limit closure lengths and times; closing only those segments that have current ongoing operations. Logging activities, though planned, may occur at any time, which could lead to unexpected and quickly moving closures being implemented. Closures will be signed, barricaded and/or gated on site.

Visitors could encounter logging machinery and trucks along Forest Roads near the contract areas. Be aware of the additional traffic and do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for public safety.

The work may cause temporary inconvenience for Forest users, but is essential to maintain long-term access and public safety.

Please call the HPBE Ranger District at 970-870-2149 to inquire about current conditions and to check the status of work in the area you plan to visit. Updates will continue to occur as activities change, road/trails close and then re-open.

Below is a listing of current road and trail closures, as well as anticipated closures, which will be occurring throughout the 2012 summer season on the HPBE Ranger District. More details will be released as additional closures become imminent.

Buffalo Pass Road (NFSR 60):

CLOSED from the first gate at Dry Lake parking area to the Summit. Anticipate gravel/culvert project to be completed by July 1st. Access to the summit is available from the east side.

Current road and trail closures due to logging

CLOSED NFSR 251 and associated spur roads including the 303 road series. Rolling closure as work is implemented. Harrison Creek area of Rabbit Ears Pass.

CLOSED NFSR 433 & 44 in the Lost Dog area north of Seedhouse Campground.

- Portions of 1101 Wyoming Trail from NFSR 400 (Seedhouse) to NFSR 44 (Diamond Park)

- Portion of 1189 North Fork Trail from NFSR 400 (Seedhouse) to NFSR 44 (Diamond Park)

Anticipated/Upcoming Road and Trail closures

- NFSR 430 Hinman
- 1177 Hinman Trail in conjunction with NFSR 430 closure

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