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Sand Lake Road Project Nearly Complete, Construction Traffic Remains on Scenic Byway

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) July 27, 2012 – The Laramie Ranger District (LRD) expects road reconstruction and paving on the first half mile of Sand Lake Road (Forest Road 101) to be completed on schedule by next week.

As part of that project, as well as other Snowy Range Scenic Byway projects, construction traffic is still present within the first five miles of Highway 130 to the west of Centennial, Wyo. Visitors should be aware that there are slow-moving construction vehicles entering the highway in the area and they should adjust their traveling speed down accordingly.

The District would also like to advertise the opening of multiple recreation sites on the Medicine Bow National Forest along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway. The Aspen, Brooklyn Lake, Pine, Sugarloaf and Willow Campgrounds are now open for public use after having been closed to this point in the season for treatment of hazard trees.

The Sand Lake Road improvement, in progress since early July, will ease access for visitors to the northern Snowy Range, a popular portion of the Forest, and will decrease annual maintenance costs.

Along with the road reopening, a portion of the North Fork Campground will be open upon completion of the road reconstruction activities. Dispersed camping and other types of Forest activities have been available along the unaffected portion of Sand Lake Road during the project.

The improvements to Sand Lake Road are part of a larger, long-term Snowy Range Scenic Byway plan. The plan and construction funds are part of a grant from the Wyoming Department of Transportation with gas tax receipts through the Federal Highways National Scenic Byway program. Visitors have seen activity with this project and its multiple improvements over the last year, including current work on a new Centennial Visitor Center.

For additional information, please contact the LRD office at 307-745-2300 or visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>. For information regarding this and other Scenic Byway projects or the Corridor Management Plan, contact LRD Recreation Planner Mary Sanderson at 307-745-2363.

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