



News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
Thunder Basin National Grassland
<http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>

Contact: Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, (307) 326-5258 or Aaron Voos, (307) 745-2323

Temporary Closure of Battle Creek Road Upcoming

(SARATOGA, Wyo.) July 30, 2012 – Starting Aug. 6, the U.S. Forest Service will be improving the Battle Creek Road (Forest Road 807) on the west side of the Sierra Madre Range, necessitating weekday closures between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the month of August.

The road will be open evenings and weekends during the project. Work is expected to be complete by Sept. 1, in time for Labor Day Weekend and the start of bowhunting seasons.

Battle Creek Campground, a dispersed camping area on the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District (BCH), will be closed during the work period.

Improvements will be taking place about two miles in, between Battle Creek Campground and the bridge at Battle Creek. This stretch of road has proven problematic in the past, especially during the spring and during wet years. The road project will make the 807 road passable when conditions are wet by raising the level of the road and installing culverts to improve drainage. The public will also benefit from several new turn-out or pull-off areas.

Heavy haul truck traffic on the narrow road is the reason for the closure, as two-way traffic would not be possible and public safety is a concern.

Wyoming Department of Transportation trucks will be hauling fill dirt down the 807 road from their nearby Highway 70 reroute project and then dumping it at a point where Forest Service crews will be using it to raise the level of the road.

Grazing permittees and other Forest users will start to see equipment traffic in the construction area beginning this week.

The Battle Creek road is used to access the southwestern corner of the Sierra Madre Range in the Medicine Bow National Forest. During the road closure times, alternate access to the area can be had via the 811 road from the north or the 851 road from the south. Both roads are very rough and 4-wheel drive vehicles should be used.

Temporary road closures are a short-term inconvenience needed to provide safe access in the long-term. Visitors need to be aware of ongoing changes that may affect travel.

BCH Ranger District visitors are encouraged to check the latest status of roads and recreation sites by calling (307) 326-5258 or stopping by the District Office at 5556 South Highway 130 in Saratoga between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Recreation site information may also be found on this website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG).

###