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Hazard Tree Removal Near Teller City Necessitates Road Closure

(Walden, CO. - January 18, 2013) – Hazard tree logging operations, which are set to begin Tuesday, Jan. 22, will result in the closure of Forest Road 740, as well as the Teller City Historic Interpretive Site and Trail.

The road, on the Parks Ranger District of the Routt National Forest, will be closed and plowed for logging access from the National Forest boundary near Rand to Teller City.

West Range Reclamation is the contractor and logging operations will continue until snowmelt in April or May of this year. No public travel will be allowed in the closed area.

This will impact snowmobile travel from the Rand area and from Grand County on groomed trails over Illinois Pass to Teller City and to Jack Park. Riders who wish to access upper Jack Park via Forest Road 758 need to approach from Gould in the north via Road 740, because no access will be possible on the snowmobile route between Rand and the Road 740-758 junction.

Forest visitors should expect to encounter log trucks traveling along Forest Road 740, County Road 21 and Colorado Highway 125. Recreationists are also reminded to be aware of and avoid heavy equipment operating in the area. Do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for public safety.

Operations are being conducted over snowpack to reduce damage to the historic features in this area. Hazard tree removal is needed to reduce the risk of damage to the historic structures at Teller City from wildfire and to protect visitors to the interpretive site and trail from falling trees.

Temporary road and area 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 on the National Forest.

For more information about this or other projects please call (970) 723-2700 or stop by the Parks Ranger District at 100 Main Street in Walden between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information on other road closures and projects can also be found on the following website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG).

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