



## News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &  
Thunder Basin National Grassland  
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### **2013 Road Work Continues in the Snowy and Sierra Madre Ranges**

**(SARATOGA, Wyo.) Feb. 21, 2013** – Roadside clearing of hazardous trees on Medicine Bow National Forest roads will continue on the Brush Creek/Hayden (BCH) Ranger District in 2013.

Contractors have been hired to cut and remove these trees and will be working across the District throughout the summer and fall. Such work may cause short-term inconveniences due to traffic delays and/or temporary detours/closures, but is necessary for long-term safety.

Forest users planning to visit the western Snowy Range or Sierra Madre Range should be aware of the projects and should plan appropriately.

Most of these trees are lodgepole pines killed during the recent mountain pine beetle outbreak. Trees have been evaluated for their potential to fall onto a State or county highway, or Forest road, where they could create hazards.

A list of scheduled road closures for 2013 is attached, as well as a map showing the project locations. This map should be used with other more detailed maps, such as BLM and Forest Service Visitor maps, and National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs).

Visitors to the Medicine Bow National Forest near Encampment, Ryan Park and Saratoga are encouraged to check the status of work areas by calling 307-326-5258 or stopping by the BCH Ranger District office at 2171 S. Highway 130 in Saratoga between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, this summer.

Road projects and closure information can also be found on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland website: <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>; under *Road Work and Delayed Openings*.

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See list of scheduled closures on next page and map attached to email.

Forest roads scheduled for 2013 roadside hazard tree removal include the following; project numbers correspond with the numbers on the map.

1. North Brush Creek Road  
Forest Road 100, between Hwy 130 (Snowy Range Highway), and Turpin Reservoir
2. Rim Road  
Forest Road 496, between Forest Road 409 (Blackhall Road) and WY-CO state line
3. Jack Creek Road  
Forest Road 452, near the Forest Road 443 (Acord Road) intersection
4. South French Creek Road  
Forest Road 225, between Highway 130 and Forest Road 500 (French Creek Road)
5. French Creek Road  
Forest Road 500, between the French Creek Campground and the Ranger District Boundary
6. \* Sage Creek Road - Carbon County  
The County will be working on Road 401, south of Rawlins to Forest Road 801 (Deep Creek)
7. \* Hog Park Road - Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities  
State equipment may be in the Hog Park Reservoir area and on Forest Road 550.

\*Denotes projects that are not Forest Service contract work, but do affect Forest access.