



## News Release

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### **Timber Sale Hauling Underway Near Steamboat Lake**

**(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) June 13, 2013** – Travelers around Steamboat Lake should be aware that logging operations are underway in the area near Forest Road 42 and that haul truck traffic is to be expected.

The Larson II Timber Sale and Fuel Reduction Project west of Steamboat Lake is active and logging trucks are hauling to Montrose, Colo. Up to eight loads per day will be traveling County Road 62 to Highway 129 and then south.

The project is on the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District (HPBE) of the Routt National Forest. Forest visitors should expect to encounter log trucks traveling anywhere along the route detailed above. 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.

Visitors to the Rabbit Ears Pass area should also be aware that the last mile of Forest Road 315 will be temporarily closed starting this week and then should re-open within two weeks. This closure, for roadside hazard tree logging operations, will not affect the Dumont Recreation Area but may affect parking near the Rabbit Ears trailhead.

The increased truck traffic and temporary road closure are short-term necessities for long-term forest health and public safety. The U.S. Forest Service appreciates the patience of anyone affected by the work.

Up to date information is available from the HPBE Ranger District by calling (970) 870-2299 or by stopping by the District Office at 925 Weiss Dr. in Steamboat Springs between normal office hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Information may also be found on this website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

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