



## News Release

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### **Visitors Should Be Aware of Wet, Muddy Conditions on MBRTB**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) Sept. 13, 2013** – In a dramatic about-face from the recent warm start to fall, a week's worth of cool, rainy weather has produced wet, muddy conditions on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB). Visitors should be aware of how those conditions affect their travel as they venture out and make weekend plans.

Moisture levels vary widely across the MBRTB, with some areas seeing flash flooding warnings and corresponding recreation area closures. The Laramie Ranger District has currently closed Pine, Sugarloaf and Willow campgrounds due to high water levels of nearby watersheds. North Fork Campground is also being evaluated for possible closure.

As a whole, roads throughout the MBRTB are soft, wet and muddy prompting words of caution for visitors from Forest officials.

“Public safety is always our foremost consideration,” said Deputy Forest Supervisor Carolyn Upton. “So with the current weather system making road conditions less than ideal, we are asking Forest users to be especially aware of where they are, where they are going, and to take their time in getting there.

“Know the weather forecast in advance and check with your local Ranger District for current road status. Respect closures and use caution when approaching water crossings.”

Rain showers are expected over much of the MBRTB this weekend.

Visitors to the MBRTB should also be aware that there are multiple road/area closures in place throughout the Forest for a wide variety of projects, such as hazard tree removal and timber sales. Current closure information can be found on the MBRTB web site or by contacting your local Ranger District.

- Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, 2171 Highway 130, Saratoga, WY, (307) 326-5258
- Douglas Ranger District, 2250 E. Richards Street, Douglas, WY, (307)358-4690
- Laramie Ranger District, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY, (307)745-2300
- Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, (970)870-2299
- Parks Ranger District, 100 Main Street, Walden, CO, (970)723-2700
- Yampa Ranger District, 300 Roselawn Avenue, Yampa, CO, (970)638-4516

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