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Road and Trail Leading to Rabbit Ears Temporarily Closed

(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) Sept. 23, 2013 – The removal of hazard trees has necessitated the short-term closure of Forest Road 291, a four-wheel drive route and trail which leads to Rabbit Ears Peak in the Dumont Lake area.

Weather permitting, the roadside work should move quickly to minimize the timing of the closure. Cutting units are scattered from the junction with Forest Road 311 (Base Camp Road), to the terminus at Rabbit Ears.

Roadside hazard tree logging has been occurring in the area all season with operations moving south to north. The 291 road has remained open all summer, while the Base Camp and 315 roads were closed for roadside work. Both the Base Camp Road and 315 are now open.

This current closure will not affect the Dumont Recreation Area but may affect parking near the Rabbit Ears trailhead and access to the Peak.

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 the 315 Road and then entering Highway 40. Recreationists are 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.

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.

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