## **News Release**



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## **Hyalite Canyon Road Closed While Forest Service Stabilizes Slide**

Bozeman, MT... Rain, rain and more rain mixed with intermittent snowfall has caused the landslide at the base of Hyalite Canyon to slide continuously onto Hyalite Canyon Road (FS Road #62) since May 25. Forest Service Geologists and Engineers have determined a solution to temporarily stabilize the area including removing approximately three to four thousand cubic yards of earthen material and terracing the hillside. The Forest Service will need to close Hyalite Canyon Road to all entry for one week beginning June 17 at 12:00 p.m. The road will re-open to motorized and non-motorized users on Tuesday, June 24 at 8:00 a.m. Currently, the road is closed to motorized users.

The road closure is needed to address safety concerns while heavy equipment is used to remove slide debris. "We understand how popular Hyalite Canyon is to recreationists," said Jose Castro, Bozeman District Ranger. "We are doing everything possible to re-open the road as soon as we can."

All the campgrounds in the Gallatin Canyon are open and Battle Ridge Campground in the Bridger Mountains is also open. For recreationists looking to reserve a campsite please visit <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>. The Bridger Mountains, Bozeman Creek, and Bear Canyon provide numerous mountain biking and hiking opportunities. The timeshare trail use configuration will go into effect for five trails in the Bridger Mountains June 16, 2008 and for three trail s in Hyalite Canyon on July 16, 2008. Additional information on timeshare use can be found at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin</a>.

For updated road information please call the Bozeman Ranger District 24 hour Information line at (406) 522-2534.



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