



# News Release

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## Dresslerville Pit to be Closed for Rehabilitation

**Carson City, Nevada...**After 20 years of providing decomposed granite for roadways, walkways, and gardens, the interior of Dresslerville Pit will close on March 21, 2008 and be restored. Due to the high walls, loose material, and the potential for erosion and rock fall, the area is being closed for public safety and rehabilitation concerns. The pit area has become a popular area for recreational shooting, off-highway vehicle use, and, unfortunately, illegal dumping. Recreational use around the pit will remain the same as before the closure.

The pit closure will allow vegetation to take root and also allow the soils to stabilize; the area has had the top soil replaced and has been reseeded with native vegetation to further reduce soil erosion. "The need to reduce any level of disturbance in this area, coupled with the potential for rock fall, is the main reason for the closure, but equally important is giving the landscape a chance to heal," said Michael Diem, Acting Carson District Ranger for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. "Keeping both people and vehicles out of this area is critical to the long-term success of this reclamation effort," Diem stressed.



Closure order number 04-17-08-04, closing the fenced pit area to access, is in place and will be enforced. Violation of this order may result in a \$5,000 fine and/or 6 months in jail. In cooperation with Douglas County, the area will be patrolled to help enforce the closure of the Dresslerville Pit. Enforcement efforts will focus on illegal dumping and trespass in the closed pit area. Patrol efforts will be shared by the Forest Service and Douglas County. A community clean-up effort is scheduled for May 2008.

From 1986 to 2001, approximately 55,000 cubic yards of decomposed granite, 1,200 tons of boulders, and 5,000 cubic yards of top soil were removed from the Dresslerville Pit. For more information on this release, please contact Marnie Bonesteel at 775-882-2766.

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