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Temporary Weekday Closure of Whites Creek and Jones-Whites Creek Loop Trails

Carson City, Nevada...The Carson Ranger District is temporarily closing a portion of the popular Whites Creek Canyon area due to hazardous fuels reduction activities that include the felling of trees near the trail. The temporary closure will start on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, and is expected to be lifted by July 4, 2008. The temporary closure will be in effect during the weekdays only and will be lifted on Saturday and Sunday.

For public and worker safety, this area will be temporarily closed to all public access including dog walking, foot traffic, mountain bikes, and equestrians. Violation of these prohibitions is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both, as Class B Misdemeanors under federal law.

The western portion of the Jones-Whites Creek Loop Trail will continue to be accessible from the Galena Creek Regional Park. The western portion of the Whites Creek Trail is still accessible from the Dry Pond Trail. Thomas Creek trailhead will remain open and allow access to the Dry Pond Trail.

For more information concerning the temporary closure, or the hazardous fuels reduction activities in the area, please contact the Carson Ranger District at 775-882-2766.

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