

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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### **Ashley National Forest Plans Road Grading Activities for Spring and Summer 2008**

Vernal, Utah ... The Ashley National Forest is preparing for visitor use and has developed a tentative spring and early summer road blading schedule for the Forest.

Road maintenance provides safe visitor access on major forest roads and involves large equipment and personnel on forest roads, which may lead to short delays in travel.

If you are visiting the Forest this spring or early summer please be cautious when approaching the road blading projects as the equipment occupies the majority of the road bed while grading.

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## Road Blading Schedule

Time of Year	Area
Early April	Antelope Road and then move to Anvil Draw Road and blade south to the Utah border
<i>Note: In the spring Sweetwater county will begin blading at Holmes Crossing and work north</i>	
April	Lucerne and low lying areas around Manila
April/May	Try to do the faces of Dry Fork, Taylor Mtn, Paradise, Whiterocks, Elkhorn Loop, and Uintah Canyon
May	Utah portion of Flaming Gorge District working from Manila towards the Vernal District ie Hickerson Park, Deep Creek, Dowd Mountain, Sheep Creek, Eagle Creek, Spirit Lake, Thornborg
May	Diamond Mountain Road
Late May/early June	North Fork of the Duchesne, Yellowstone
June	Mosby Mountain, Pole Creek Loop, Grand Daddy Trail Head, Rock Creek and Blind Stream, MacAfee Basin
June	Swett Ranch, Rifle Range, Jug Hollow, Dutch John Draw
June	Vernal District roads along Highway 191 ie. Bowden Draw, Grizzly Ridge, Green's Draw, Range Study
Late June	Begin blading roads along the Red Cloud Loop
July	Yellowstone, Hells Canyon Loop, Dry Gulch, and other roads on the Duchesne Ranger District
July	Continue Red Cloud Loop, Liedy Peak, Trout Creek and other roads on Vernal District
August	Finish Vernal District roads
August	Blade problem areas again such as Yellowstone, Taylor Mountain, Pole Creek, Rock Creek, Uintah, Antelope
September	Finish blading all roads on the northern portion of the forest and move to the South Unit
September Late	Timber Canyon, Reservation Ridge, and all other roads on the South Unit west of Highway 191
October	All roads on the South Unit east of Highway 191 ie. Sowers, Nuttars, Alkali, Cottonwood, Wild Horse, and Antelope
October	Any roads on the northern portion of the forest where conditions warrant.