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Cedar Mountain road closure protects nesting raptors

CRAIG, Colo.— The upper portion of the Cedar Mountain road five miles northwest of Craig, Colo., will be closed to motorized vehicles from April 9 through early to mid summer to protect nesting raptors.

This road will remain open to the day-use and trailhead parking area at Cedar Mountain. The road and trails on Cedar Mountain remain open to hiking and mountain biking. Motor vehicle access will be permitted for required maintenance of communications equipment.

The Bureau of Land Management's Cedar Mountain Management Plan allows for a seasonal closure of the road when necessary to reduce disturbance to nesting raptors and prevent nest abandonment. The BLM last closed this road in the spring of 2002 when an active raptor nest was identified in an area vulnerable to disturbance. The road has remained open since the 2002 seasonal closure because no nests were identified in areas susceptible to disturbance.

“We appreciate the public's help in observing this closure,” said BLM Little Snake Field Manager John Husband. “Cedar Mountain is an important raptor nesting area. Raptors are particularly sensitive to disturbance during their nesting season”

The Cedar Mountain Day Use Area is a popular recreation site and will remain open to the public for all non-motorized uses as well as motorized use up to the parking area.

For additional information regarding this seasonal closure, please contact BLM wildlife biologist Tim Novotny, (970) 826-5090.

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