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BLM issues road and area closure to reduce impacts

KREMMLING, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management has issued a temporary motorized-travel closure for a 12,630-acre area 10 miles north of Kremmling to reduce environmental damage from off-road vehicles.

The closure includes the BLM lands adjacent to the Troublesome Wilderness Study Area. Motorized travel is already prohibited in the Troublesome WSA. At least 12 miles of user-created routes have been found, some of which are providing motorized access to the WSA and a U.S. Forest Service Roadless Area.

The closure will protect public health and safety, prevent excessive erosion and damage to wildlife habitat, preserve areas with historical value, and protect the wilderness character of the Troublesome WSA. Homeowners near the area have expressed support for the temporary closure.

The closure will remain in effect until BLM completes a travel management plan for the area, which is expected to be complete in 2009.

Any person knowingly violating the closure order could be fined up to \$1,000 and be imprisoned for up to 12 months.

For more information on the closure, including exceptions, contact the BLM Kremmling Field Office, (970) 724-3000, or log onto www.co.blm.gov/kra.



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