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BLM winter closures begin Dec. 1 in Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin counties

SILT, Colo. – Annual winter closures to motorized vehicles will go into effect Dec. 1 on certain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management’s Colorado River Valley Field Office to protect critical big game winter range and prevent road damage.

These seasonal gate closures occur annually from Dec. 1 to April 30 at several points in the Castle Peak area in Eagle County, East Elk Creek in Garfield County, and on Light Hill and the Crown in Pitkin County. The lower gate at Transfer Trail above Glenwood Springs will also be closed to maintain snow conditions for snowmobiling.

All of the areas continue to be open to non-motorized recreation opportunities such as hiking, snowshoeing, horseback riding and skiing.

“We appreciate the public’s cooperation in helping us protect wildlife and public lands,” said BLM Colorado River Valley Field Manager Steve Bennett.

BLM’s Wolcott and Gypsum campgrounds in Eagle County are closed for the winter and will reopen this spring when conditions allow.

For additional information or to report violations in these areas call the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office in Silt, (970) 876-9000.

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