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Emerald Mountain to be closed July 24 for mountain bike race

CRAIG, Colo. – The Emerald Mountain Special Recreation Management Area west of Steamboat Springs will be closed Sunday, July 24, for the Steamboat Stinger Mountain Bike Race.

The 50-mile race begins and ends at the Howelson Hill Ski Area in Steamboat Springs. Racers will ride on about 15 miles of roads and trails within the Emerald Mountain SRMA, including Ridge Trail, Cow Creek Road, and Beall Trail.

"Because of the anticipated participation of this race, Emerald Mountain will be closed to all other recreational uses for the day for the safety and health of our other users," said Wendy Reynolds, Field Manager with the Bureau of Land Management's Little Snake Field Office, which manages the Emerald Mountain SRMA. "We appreciate the public's patience during this event and the temporary inconvenience it might cause our other users."

The SRMA will only be closed July 24, but set-up for the course will begin July 21. The area will re-open July 25. No more than 300 racers are allowed under the race's special use permit.

For more information, contact the BLM Little Snake Field Office at 970-826-5000.

For more information about the race itself, log onto
<http://www.honeystinger.com/steamboatstinger.html>

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