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## BLM LITTLE SNAKE NEWS

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### **Violations of winter closure at Emerald Mountain could harm area elk**

CRAIG, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is reminding people to observe seasonal closures in place at Emerald Mountain near Steamboat Springs to protect wintering and calving elk.

All areas south of the Ridge Trail in BLM's Emerald Mountain Special Recreation Area are closed to human entry from Dec 1 - June 30 to protect elk during their sensitive winter and calving seasons. This includes the Beall Trail and Kemry Draw. This closure corresponds with Colorado Parks and Wildlife lands to the east of the SRMA and the Humble Ranch property to the southeast.

“We are seeing a number of violations of this closure this winter, which could have significant impact on the elk in this area,” said BLM Little Snake Field Manager Wendy Reynolds. “However, the Ridge and Rotary Trails remain open year-round for those wishing to visit Emerald Mountain before July 1.”

Violating the closure will result in citations and a minimum \$175 fine.

For further information, contact the Little Snake Field Office, (970) 826-5000, or log on to <http://on.doi.gov/14Q6KTz>.

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