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Completing Midland Grade trail improvement project

BUENA VISTA, Colo. – Work to complete the Midland Grade trail improvement project is planned to resume next week. The Midland Grade Trail, located two miles southeast of Buena Vista on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Forest System lands in Chaffee County, is a popular non-motorized trail used by mountain bikers and hikers.

The project was near completion early last fall but the work was suspended when a severe winter storm hit the area. Trail users need to be aware that there will be heavy equipment operating in the project area. It is anticipated to take a couple of days to complete this project providing the weather remains favorable. Signs are posted at the trailhead.

“We recognize the popularity of this trail and appreciate the caution and cooperation shown by the trail’s users during the project period,” said Royal Gorge Field Office Manager Keith Berger and Forest Service Salida District Ranger Bill Schuckert.

For further information, contact Dave Gilbert at 719-269-8529 regarding work on BLM lands or Ben Lara at 719-530-3955, regarding work on National Forest System lands.

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