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Palisades Ranger District Summer Travel Regulations Go Into Effect

Idaho Falls, ID – Summer Travel regulations will go into effect on **April 21, 2004** for the Palisades Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Local conditions are becoming suitable to support vehicle traffic on most roads and some trails without causing resource damage. District Ranger Ron Dickemore asks that users stay on designated travel routes and use good judgement regarding travel on roads and trails not yet sufficiently dry to prevent resource damage.

“Resource damage” includes “rutting of the road, trail, or other surfaces by any motorized vehicle during wet or muddy conditions, damaging any type of fish or wildlife habitat, or harassing any wildlife.” Additional closures or restrictions can be made at any time for resource protection or public safety.

If forest users have questions they are encouraged to come to the District Office at 3659 East Ririe Highway, or to the Eastern Idaho Visitor Center at 630 West Broadway in Idaho Falls, and familiarize themselves with the District Travel Map which indicates areas that have travel restrictions. District personnel are available to answer questions related to travel regulations.

For additional information, contact the Palisades Ranger District at 523-1412, or the Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center at 523-3278.