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WET CONDITIONS KEEPING SOME FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS TEMPORARILY CLOSED ON THE PIKE NATIONAL FOREST

MORRISON, CO., May 17, 2010 – Several Pike National Forest roads and trails normally open to motorized use on the South Platte and Pikes Peak Ranger Districts are currently closed in order to protect them from resource damage due to wet and muddy conditions.

The temporary closure includes roads and trails in the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area beginning on the north end of the Rampart Range Road #300 near the Indian Creek campground, southwest of Sedalia, continuing south to the junction with the Fern Creek Road #351 on the Pikes Peak Ranger District. This does not apply to the 35-mile portion of the Rampart Range Road just south of the Fern Creek Road to Colorado Springs.

Additional closed roads and trails on the Pikes Peak Ranger District include; Long Hollow Road #348 just north of its intersection with Fern Creek Road #351 and three motorized trails north of the Fern Creek Road, trails #631, #633 and #634.

Signs have been posted to alert users of the restrictions. Forest personnel will patrol the area to ensure enforcement.

South Platte District Ranger Randy Hickenbottom said, “The cooperation of recreational motorized users is greatly appreciated in protecting our natural resources. The affected areas will be monitored and opened as soon as conditions allow, possibly mid to late April.”

For more information call the South Platte Ranger District at 303-275-5610 or the Pikes Peak Ranger District at 719-636-1602. Information regarding the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area is available on the Web at www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/spl/spl_ohv.shtml.