

NEWS RELEASE



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Rocky Mountain Region

Pike & San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CAMPGROUND CLOSURES

PUEBLO, CO., May 25, 2010 – The U.S. Forest Service – Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) is encouraging travelers and campers to contact local Ranger Districts across PSICC to make sure that their desired camping location is open. Due to late spring moisture there are still some campgrounds that are closed, or that do not have working facilities.

Leadville Ranger District: 719-486-0749

All sites are open on the Leadville Ranger District; however, Turquoise Lake has some campgrounds that may be without water and flushable toilets due to frozen water lines.

Salida Ranger District: 719-539-3591

Monarch Park and North Fork Campgrounds opening has been delayed due to late spring moisture.

San Carlos Ranger District: 719-269-8500

Blue and Bear Lakes Campgrounds opening has been delayed due to the late spring moisture.

Pikes Peak Ranger District: 719-636-1602

All sites will be open for Memorial Day weekend, but there is still snow at the Craggs.

South Platte Ranger District: 303-275-5610

All sites are open on the South Platte Ranger District.

South Park Ranger District: 719-836-2031

Kite Lake Campground is delayed in opening due to late spring moisture. Selkirk Campground is delayed in opening for hazardous tree removal, and Jefferson Lake is still frozen, so no fishing or boating will be allowed at this time.

The U.S. Forest Service would also like to encourage campers to be fire conscience. It is important to never leave a campfire unattended, and always ensure that your campfire is completely out before leaving your site. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend.