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## News Release

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### **Closure orders in place during Beaver Creek road and pipeline construction work**

**RIFLE, Colo.** – Implementation of the Tepee Park Ranch project, on and near the Beaver Creek Road (Forest Service Road 824), will be starting in mid-June. Public access to the forest will be continuous throughout project implementation, however for public safety reasons points of access and means of travel may shift as the project progresses.

During pipeline construction along the existing road corridor a closure order (Order Number 2018-02) will be in effect. Public use and entry will be restricted within 75 feet of the road centerline and/or pipeline trench from approximately the lower trailhead south to the Forest Boundary. Access to the Beaver Creek Trail will be allowed outside of the closure area via foot and horse. A closure gate will be in place during this phase of construction. Use of the road from the lower trailhead to the upper trailhead will be restored as soon as pipeline construction and road reconditioning have been completed.

A closure order (Order Number 2018-04) is in effect for public use and entry within the construction work zone, located 200 feet to each side of the staked or constructed centerline of the road realignment of Forest Service Road 824, including the pipeline construction area.

The purpose of the closure orders is to protect public health and safety during tree felling, pipeline construction and road realignment activities being performed by CPX Piceance Holding, LLCs (CPX) and sub-contractors.

The construction period is expected to last approximately three months. This project will include construction of approximately 0.75 miles of road and widening sections along existing Forest Service Road 824. Pipeline installation will occur adjacent to the road corridor. A section of Forest Service Road 824 will be decommissioned upon the completion of road realignment.

Upon completion, Forest Service Road 824 will better meet the needs of CPX anticipated future development and accommodate continued public use during the summer travel season (May 21-Nov. 23), as well as decrease long-term sedimentation in to Beaver Creek, which provides cutthroat trout habitat. The completed project will also enhance public access with a larger summer parking area and winter pullout to accommodate for skiing, snowshoeing, and other non-motorized winter recreation.

Information signs will be present to direct the public on where to park or access National Forest during project implementation. Closure Orders are posted at the WRNF Supervisors Office, at the Rifle Ranger District and can be viewed on line at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/notices/?cid=STELPRDB5176138>