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Angel Peak Facilities to Improve

The Bureau of Land Management is planning major facility improvements for the Angel Peak Scenic Area south of Bloomfield.

“We hope the improvements will provide a more pleasant outdoor experience for those who visit the area,” said Jackie Neckels, a recreation planner for the BLM Farmington Field Office.

Neckels said the BLM plans to spend in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to replace and upgrade facilities at the two picnic areas and one campground within Angel Peak Scenic Area. The facilities are located along the road overlooking the Angel Peak rock formation, one of San Juan County’s best known landmarks. The Angel Peak road is accessed by turning east at the Angel Peak Scenic Area sign on U.S. 550 about 25 miles south of Bloomfield.

The picnic areas and campground will receive four new restrooms of the type often referred to as “sweet smelling” because their ventilation systems are designed so odors go down the toilet instead of coming out. The toilets were developed by the U.S. Forest Service in the 1980s.

The Angel Peak improvements will include removing old toilet facilities, ripping up old concrete slabs and removing old shelters and picnic tables. New concrete slabs will be poured and new shelters and picnic tables installed. Neckels said the new facilities should be completed sometime in the summer.

“There may be some inconveniences over the next several months to people who are used to using the facilities, but we hope everybody will be pleased with the final product,” Neckels said.



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