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## **Sections of BLM's Wild Rivers Loop Near Taos**

### **Closed Temporarily for Road Repairs**

“The “loop” section of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area (WRRRA), located 35 miles north of Taos, will close for 3 days the week of July 12, Sam DesGeorges, from the Bureau of Land Management’s Taos Field Office, announced today.

The road work, which starts after the “entrance pay station” and before the start of the “loop,” will affect the public’s access to the five main campgrounds, the visitor center and some popular hiking trails.

For specific information on the closure dates or updates on the project, call the Taos Field Office at (505) 758-8851 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

According to Joseph Leon, WRRRA Park Manager, a road crew will be applying an oil-based prime coat to the road foundation in preparation for asphalt surfacing. Barricades will be set up to prevent traffic entry, providing for crew and visitor safety.

“The closure does not affect day recreational activities north of the entrance pay station,” said Leon, including hiking at Bears Crossing, Chiflo and Guadalupe Trail, and

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mountain biking along the East Rim Trail (access is at Sheep's Crossing) and Red River Fault Loop. Leon added that access is possible down to the Rio Grande Gorge and Red River. A trailhead is located at Cebolla Mesa campground; turnoff is off Highway 68 and several miles south of the village of Questa.

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The Wild Rivers Recreation Area, managed by the Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office, will close the loop section for 3 days the week of July 12 to apply an oil-based prime coat to the road foundation. The closure affects access to five campgrounds, the visitor center and several popular hiking trails, but not day use activities north of the loop. Barricades will prevent traffic entry providing for crew and visitor safety. For more information, call (505) 758-8851 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.