

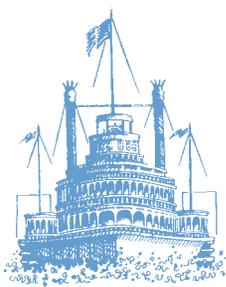
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Hunting access to Buff Pass from east

West side closure due to construction

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As big game hunters set up camp for the second season of combined deer and elk hunting beginning Saturday, the Routt National Forest is reminding them that access to Buffalo Pass from the west is closed because of road construction.

A spokeswoman for the Hahn's Peak Ranger District confirmed Thursday morning that the closure is on a three-mile section of road beginning at Dry Lake Campground and continuing up to the second gate, well below the summit.

Construction crews are hoping to be finished by Oct. 31, a day after the second season ends but in time for the third season Nov. 5 to 13, the spokeswoman said.

The closure of the road from the west where it leads up the pass from Strawberry Park just outside Steamboat Springs doesn't mean access to Buffalo Pass is closed altogether. Hunters still can access the summit from the eastern side of the Park Range in North Park. That would allow them to drive down the west side to the closure at the second gate.

The work on the three miles of unpaved Buffalo Pass Road (Routt County Road 38 and Forest Service Road 60) is intended not only to put it in better condition but also to make it possible to maintain a smoother road surface, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Hunting season in full swing



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Steve Znamenacek, left, district wildlife manager with the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife, laughs while visiting with hunters in the California Park area last weekend. Znamenacek was busy last week making contacts, checking licenses and answering questions as hunters returned to the area for the first rifle season. The second season will open Saturday. **Watch a video about Znamenacek at SteamboatToday.com/videos.**

Poverty initiative launched

Program aims to help participants improve their economic situations

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Routt County officials hope a new program launched Thursday will give local families the resources they need to escape poverty.

About 45 community lead-

ers attended a daylong class at Olympian Hall that was aimed at educating and understanding the challenges and barriers associated with poverty and low-income families.

"It's raising awareness ... of the culture of poverty," Routt County Department of Human Services Director

Vickie Clark said.

The audience was a cross section of the community and included bankers, large employers, elected officials, a judge and local law enforcement leaders. The course was taught by Jim Ott, a trainer for A Framework for Understanding Poverty and Bridges

Out of Poverty.

The class was Phase 1 of the new Routt County Bridges Initiative, a program aimed at helping low-income families in Routt County become permanently self-sufficient "with the goal of changing lives," said

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