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# Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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## Derby Gulch Road Temporary Closure

Big Timber, MT... The Forest Service has temporarily closed the Derby Gulch Road (FSR 6674) to all motorized travel from its junction with the West Bridger Road (FSR 488). The closure is necessary to repair road damage that resulted during a severe rain event more than a year ago.

Big Timber Ranger Bill Avey explained that a bridge is being installed where the road washed away in May 2005. The flooding that occurred in the area made vehicular passage impossible until the bridge is replaced.

The Forest Service planned to conduct this work last summer however, the Derby Fire prevented that from occurring. During the road closure, the Forest Service plans to also improve road drainage as part of the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) mitigation for the area. Avey also mentioned that other temporary road closures may be necessary later this spring to repair and improve drainage on other Big Timber Ranger District roads.

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