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BUFORD-NEW CASTLE ROAD #245

Road Use: Moderate (Heavy during hunting season)

Beginning Elevation: 7,000

Elevation Gain: Over 3,000 feet and descending to 7,100 feet at Buford.

Open to: Cars, Trucks, Motor Homes. CLOSED IN WINTER MONTHS.

Access:

- From Rifle, go east to New Castle exit #105. Turn left at the top of the ramp and follow signs into town. At 7th Street, turn right; this becomes the Buford New Castle Road.

Attractions:

The BNC Road is one of the most scenic drives on the White River National Forest. There are stands of spruce and aspen with many open meadows graced with colorful wildflowers and numerous places for dispersed camping. There are also many lovely picnic spots along the route. The scenery, in the fall is especially beautiful with the aspen color change.

If you follow the entire route from New Castle to Buford, you will emerge at County Road 8. By traveling east from this point, you can access the White River valley, Trappers Lake and numerous hiking trails with access to the Flat Tops Wilderness as well as several campgrounds managed by the Blanco District. You can also travel west and visit the town of Meeker.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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