

# Eldorado Forest closes roads for winter season

Eldorado National Forest as of today has implemented the the annual seasonal closure of dirt roads.

Rainfall, soil moisture, road and trail conditions, and weather forecasts are factors that triggered a seasonal closure earlier than Jan. 1. The roads will remain closed until at least April 1.

The seasonal closure is designed to protect roadbeds and watersheds from damage and to protect water quality. A minimum three month closure period from Jan. 1 through March 30 was designated for the core part of the winter in the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management Plan.

Roads subject to seasonal closure are identified on a free map and available at all Eldorado National Forest offices and **online**.