

# Moisture keeps Forest Service roads closed

Based on recent precipitation, the annual closure of dirt roads in the Eldorado National Forest has been extended to April 9.

Rainfall, soil moisture, road and trail conditions, and weather forecasts are factors that trigger extending the seasonal closure beyond March 31.

The seasonal closure is designed to protect roadbeds and watersheds from damage and to protect water quality. A minimum three month closure period from January 1 through March 31 was designated for the core part of the wet season in the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management Plan. This plan also allows the seasonal dirt road closure to start earlier or be extended based on actual conditions in a given year.

Roads subject to seasonal closure are identified **online**.