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Closure of Red Cliffs Facilities for Maintenance

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St. George, Utah—On Aug. 4, 2014, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-Utah St. George Field Office will temporarily close access to some facilities and areas within the <u>Red Cliffs</u> <u>Recreation Area</u> to public use to conduct scheduled maintenance. The temporary closure is expected to last through late November while maintenance and construction work is underway.

Heavy equipment will be in operation throughout the Red Cliffs campground, day-use area, and the White Reef trailhead; these areas will remain closed until all maintenance and construction work is completed. This maintenance effort will improve public safety and enhance the visitor experience by constructing vehicle and pedestrian bridges over Quail Creek, expanding paved parking, and adding a handicapped accessible picnic area.

The following non-motorized trails and public-use sites within <u>Red Cliffs Recreation Area</u>, east of Quail Creek and north of the White Reef trailhead will remain open during construction and maintenance:

Non-Motorized Trails

Adams Trail (east of Quail Creek)

Adit Trail

Anasazi Trail (between Mano Trail and Red Cliffs Archaeological Site)

Cordura Trail

Grubstake Trail

Leeds Reef Trail

Mano Trail

McMullin Trail

Metate Trail

Red Reef East Trail (between Mano trail and north NCA boundary)

Tipple Trail

White Reef Trail

Public-Use Sites

"They Came to Cordura" Movie Set Site Willard G. McMullin Home, Harrisburg Red Cliffs Archaeological Site Interstate Rock Products, based out of Hurricane, Utah, was selected to complete the project work. The Red Cliffs Recreation Area is located 13 miles north of St. George, Utah, in the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area, which was set aside to conserve, protect, and enhance ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific resources. Visitors are asked to recreate responsibly and to respect the resources that make the Red Cliffs Recreation Area and National Conservation Area so unique by staying on designated trails.

For more information specific to the temporary closure and the maintenance project, contact BLM-Utah civil engineer Brian Kunk (435)865-3062. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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