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## **Rifle Mountain Park Closed Due to Flooding**

**RIFLE, CO (May 18, 2023) –**

Rifle Mountain Park is closed due to flooding. County Road 217 is shut down at the end of State Highway 325 just past the Rifle Falls Fish Hatchery. No one will be allowed past that point. Snowmelt, combined with heavy localized downpours of rain, has resulted in extensive ponding on roadways, campsites and other low-lying areas. Rifle Creek, which runs through the park, is overflowing its banks and running extremely fast. These conditions are expected to worsen as more precipitation is anticipated for the area.

Do not enter the park until it has been deemed safe and officially reopened. For updates, please go to the official City of Rifle website, [www.rifleco.org](http://www.rifleco.org) or City of Rifle Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.