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MONUMENT TO RESTRICT TRAFFIC INTO THE EAST ENTRANCE DURING RIDE THE ROCKIES CYCLING EVENT JUNE 13, BETWEEN 8 A.M. – 11 A.M.

Colorado National Monument will host Ride the Rockies Cycling Tour on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Upwards of 2,400 cyclists will be participating. To safely accommodate this event, motorized traffic on Rim Rock Drive will be restricted for the first four miles on the east side of the park from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. During the one-way restriction, the speed limit will be 25 miles per hour.

Motorized traffic will be prohibited to enter the Monument at the East Entrance during this time period. Cyclists will be permitted to ride into the park at the East Entrance and will be restricted to riding in the west bound lane only.

One way east bound (downhill) motorized traffic will be permitted from the Glade Park DS Road Turn Off to the East Entrance. Two way motorized traffic will be permitted from the West Entrance at Fruita, Colorado across Rim Rock Drive as far east as the DS Road Turn Off to Glade Park. At 11 a.m., two-way traffic will resume along the entire length of Rim Rock Drive.

Westbound motorized traffic from Grand Junction to Glade Park should plan to use Little Park Road between the hours of 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Throughout the day, there will be especially high volumes of cyclists along Rim Rock Drive. Motorists are asked to use extreme caution while driving along Rim Rock Drive. Cyclists are asked to share the road and travel as far to the right as is practicable and safe to allow vehicles to pass.

For additional information regarding Ride the Rockies specific information please contact www.ridetherockies.com or 303-954-6700. For additional information about Colorado National Monument please contact www.nps.gov/colm or call 970-858-3617, 360.

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