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**TITLE: No bikes on buses in and out of Carbondale**

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As RFTA buses are beginning the transition from ski racks to bike racks, restrictions are going into effect for bikes on buses attempting to go in and out of Carbondale. Due to the construction work by CDOT on the Roaring Fork River Bridge on Hwy. 133 in Carbondale, starting on Monday, April 14th, bikes will not be allowed on buses going in and out of Carbondale - similar to the current bike/bus restrictions over the Maroon Creek Bridge in Aspen.

The vehicle lanes on the bridge are currently too narrow for RFTA buses to safely transport bicycles across the bridge. Cyclists going in and out of Carbondale who want to transport their bicycle via a bus will have to load and unload their bikes temporarily at either the park & ride at Catherine Store Rd, or at Aspen Glen.

When accessing Carbondale by bike from the Aspen Glen stop, please be advised that the Rio Grande Trail from SH133 in Carbondale to CR154 at the Thunder River Marketplace (CMC turnoff) is now closed to all trail traffic until trail construction and paving is completed in July 2008. Please use extreme caution if riding your bike on the shoulder of Hwy. 82.

RFTA will continue to carry bikes back and forth between Rifle and Aspen Glen, and between the Catherine Store Road and Buttermilk. "Direct" buses which travel between Glenwood Springs and Aspen (by-passing Carbondale) will not be affected by this restriction.

Cyclists crossing the Hwy. 133 highway bridge will have to dismount and walk their bikes across the span on the existing bike and pedestrian path alongside the bridge. These restrictions will continue through the 2008 biking season. During this time, all RFTA buses will continue to run on their regular schedules with no disruption in service.

For more information, please contact RFTA, Rubey Park information, 925-8484.

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