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# Section of Garner Lake Road to close during Camporee

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An aerial view of Cam-plex and its surrounding land from 2013.

Garner Lake Road from Highway 51 to Boxelder Road will be closed during the International Pathfinder Camporee.

From noon Aug. 6 through 6 a.m. Aug. 11, that stretch of Garner Lake Road will be closed. The Campbell County Commissioners approved the road closure at their regular meeting Tuesday.

The decision was months in the making. A group made up of people from Cam-plex, local law enforcement, the state Department of Transportation and Campbell County Road and Bridge made the recommendation.

David King, Campbell County Emergency Management coordinator, said Camporee has had “extensive discussions” with Cam-plex and agrees with this proposal.

Alternatives were looked at, such as a partial closure, having the road open during certain parts of the day, reducing traffic to one or two lanes and using flaggers or escort vehicles.

King said a complete closure was the safest and least cumbersome method.

The plan is to use concrete barriers to block traffic, instead of having officers manning the road throughout the day.

Sheriff’s Capt. Eric Seeman said that week will be extremely busy for law enforcement in northeast Wyoming, between the Camporee and the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and that “we don’t have the manpower to have people out there stopping traffic.”

There still will be access to the High Plains Campground and the Arbuckle Lodge through Axel’s Avenue off of Highway 51 and Martingale Drive. There won’t be access to these businesses from Boxelder Road.

Fire Station 7, which is on this section of road that will be closed, also will have access and be able to respond to calls throughout the week.

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