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MEDIA RELEASE

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Who: Sombrero Stables Equestrian Operation

What: New trail route

When: Beginning Monday, July 6, 2009

Where: Howelsen Hill

Description: City of Steamboat Springs staff, concerned citizens and Sombrero Stables have collaborated to provide a new trail route for commercial equestrian operations on Howelsen Hill. In an effort to provide a trail surface that is more sustainable for equestrian operations, the new route uses existing service roads around Howelsen Hill. This route will be easier to maintain with equipment and require less maintenance due to road base or natural stone mixed in with soils on much of the trail.

Maps and signs will be installed at trailhead kiosks and on the new route to inform all multi use trail users of this change. Portions of alpine ski runs (Long John, Mile Run, Ridge Run) and Blackmere Drive will be used on this new route.

All trail users should follow posted trail etiquette and yield as appropriate. Horses have the right of way, followed by pedestrians, and bicyclists should yield to all users. Dogs are required to be on a 6 foot hand held leash and all waste needs to be picked up and disposed of properly.

Guided tours are offered daily during the summer months. For information about times and costs for guided horse tours, please call Sombrero Stables at 879-2306.

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