



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010

Blackmer Drive Trail Closure

The City of Steamboat Springs will be closing the Blackmer Drive Trail to all public access for hazard tree removal and fire break operations beginning Wednesday, March 3rd. This trail accesses the Quarry and Emerald Mountain and will be closed with barriers and signage at the trailhead in Fairview on Routt Street until the work is complete. Please respect these closures as heavy equipment and tree removal operations will be ongoing during this time frame.

Rogue Resources will be cutting and removing trees under a contract with the City of Steamboat Springs. This work is funded by a High Priority Forest Fuels Mitigation grant that was awarded by the Colorado State Forest Service and is directed at restoring forest health by removing dead and diseased trees.

Alternate locations to recreate during the closure include: the Yampa River Core Trail, Buffalo Pass/Dry Lake Parking Lot, Fish Creek Falls Recreation Area, Rita Valentine Park, Butcherknife Trail, Sky Line Trail (off of Clear Water Trail), and Rabbit Ears Pass.

The groomed Nordic trails at the Howelsen Hill Nordic Center are available for cross country skiing and snowshoeing only. Tickets or passes are required on these groomed trails and dogs are not allowed.

When the work is complete and it is safe for trail users to use Blackmer Drive Trail, the City will do a media release to let the public know it is open. Additionally, work continues on the Spring Creek Trail and the City will let the public know when it is safe for them to access this area.

For more information about the trail closure, please call Parks, Open Space and Recreational Services at 879-4300.

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