



Howelsen Hill To Begin Spring Clean-Up Operations

Snow removal operations bring seasonal closures to Howelsen Hill

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 6, 2020-After what could be considered the longest season in Howelsen Hill's 104-year history, crews will begin spring clean-up, snow mitigation and closure operations this week.

"This has been quite the season in more ways than we could have ever imagined," said Howelsen Hill and Rodeo Manager Brad Setter. "Our staff, along with volunteers, have worked to maintain recreation at the ski area but Mother Nature is bringing these snowy opportunities to a rapid close which we hope everyone understands."

In an ongoing effort to prevent soil saturation and landslides, crews will begin pushing snow off the Face and Terrain Park, beginning Monday, April 6. Grooming operations and uphill access via the Face will not be permitted. To ensure safe conditions, please keep the base area clear and refrain from recreating in the area while snow removal operations are in progress.

Unfortunately, due to the current spring snow conditions, Nordic grooming operations on the Bluffs Loop have ended for the season. Crews will continue to provide regular grooming on Emerald Meadows for the remainder of the week, then periodically as conditions permit moving forward. Nordic trail users are asked to park in the Sombrero Stables parking lot as to avoid the snow removal operations taking place in the base area.

Blackmer and the Emerald Mountain trail system remain open for outdoor recreation. As the snow begins to melt, trail users are urged to practice proper muddy trail etiquette, and refrain from hiking or biking on wet and muddy trails.

During these unprecedented times, Howelsen Hill is proud to support our communities' physical and mental health by providing much needed outdoor and recreational opportunities in a safe environment. Parks & Recreation continues to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our facilities, but at the same time, reminds everyone to follow the basic rules for social distancing in public parks and trails.

- Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms
- Follow the CDC's guidance on personal hygiene before visiting public parks and trails
- Be prepared for limited (NO?) access to public restrooms and water fountains
- Share the trail and warn other trails users of your presence as you pass
- Always observe the minimum recommended physical distancing of 6 feet from other persons
- Best to recreate with members of your family and not gather in groups

"We thank the community for their continued support of Howelsen Hill and look forward to skiing and riding with everyone next season," said Setter.

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