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Muddy Trail Etiquette

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO-As temperatures rise, local trails are beginning to melt out across the city. However, the trails on Emerald Mountain are still too wet to ride and a closure remains in effect as well for wildlife populations on the Spring Creek trail until April 15th.

Trail condition signage will be posted where applicable and trail users are asked to respect trail closures and use good judgement to help prevent unnecessary resource damage. The Parks & Community Services Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all trail users of some basic trail etiquette:

- Use authorized trails only.
- Stay on the existing single track of the trails. Walking on the sides of muddy trails creates trail widening, braiding and additional negative impacts.
- Stay off of all wet and muddy trails to minimize damage. If mud is sticking to your shoes, tires or animals then it is too muddy.
- Educate yourself and your friends. Friends don't let friends use muddy trails.

The City of Steamboat Springs has an amazing system of trails for people to enjoy, yet limited resources are available for trail maintenance. These resources are stretched even thinner due to negative impacts that result from not following trail etiquette, and could be better used for maintaining authorized trails. The City requests that all trail users follow basic trail etiquette and chose the correct location to recreate.

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