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COUNTY ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY SEASONAL TRAIL CLOSURES

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department will be temporarily closing selected forest trails on county managed lands to motorized vehicles. These closures are due to vulnerable trail surfaces caused by the spring thaw. Trail conditions will be periodically monitored by Land Services staff, and when appropriate, the closures will be lifted.

"These temporary closures help us to protect vulnerable forest trail surfaces and to minimize maintenance costs," stated Mark Liedl, Land Services Director.

Closure signs will be installed at each trail to notify the public. The location and status of all trail closures can be found at <http://crowwing.us/318/Trail-Closures>. The County is asking citizens to observe these trail closures during spring thaw in order to protect our natural resources. Please contact the Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1115 or landservices@crowwing.us with any questions.

The County manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the County's management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative™ and the Forest Stewardship Council™ certification standards.

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Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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