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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 protect vulnerable forest trail surfaces and minimize maintenance costs,” stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

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 Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1010 or [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) with any questions.

The County manages 105,000 acres of public land for clean water, healthy forests, 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 surplus revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Minnesota Forest Resource Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

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