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### PAUL M THIEDE FIRE TOWER PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Starting on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park will be temporarily closed while crews from Anderson Brothers Construction work to create a new paved trail from the picnic shelter all the way up to the fire tower itself. The closure is expected to last through May 13<sup>th</sup>. The site preparation and grading work will be completed during this time.

There will also be one additional day between May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> where the park will need to be closed during the actual trail paving process.

Anderson Brothers Construction will block off and close the entrance to the park during the construction periods.

"This new paved trail will greatly improve the ease of navigation within the park. We want to be proactive in communicating the construction plans to park users to help them plan their upcoming visits accordingly", stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

The park already contains an ADA accessible vaulted toilet, a large picnic shelter, and many interpretive signs located along 1.1 miles of walking trails consisting of multiple loops. The new paved trail will be a nice addition.

The historic fire tower was built in 1935 and remains in excellent condition today. The site has been transformed into a natural and man-made habitat – a place of recreation, reflection and community to be enjoyed by families, residents and future generations. The Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park is located at 5230 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, approximately one mile east of downtown Pequot Lakes.

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