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## Temporary Forest Trail Closures on Crow Wing County Managed Forest Lands

Due to vulnerable trail surfaces during the spring thaw, selected forest trails administered by the Crow Wing County Land Services Department will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicles.

Closure signs will be installed at each trail to inform the traveling public. Trail conditions will be periodically monitored by forestry staff and when appropriate, the closures will be lifted. The Department asks all citizens to please observe these trail closures during Spring thaw to protect our natural resources.

“Please help us protect vulnerable forest trail surfaces and minimize maintenance costs in the future by not traveling on these temporarily closed forest trails,” requested Kirk Titus, Land Services Supervisor for Public Land Management.

The County manages 103,000 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.

The townships and cities where trail closures exist are indentified on the Crow Wing County web site at [www.co.crow-wing.mn.us](http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us) or Temporary Forest Trail Closures at (<http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=318>). You can also contact the Crow Wing County Land Services Department – Public Land Management at 218-824-1115.

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