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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 Crow Wing County Land Services 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 County is asking 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 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.

The townships and cities where trail closures exist are identified on the Crow Wing County web site at <http://crowwing.us/index.aspx?NID=318>. Please see Temporary Forest Trail Closures in the News & Highlights or contact the Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1115.

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