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### **County Recpath Plowed and Open**

Summit County, Colorado – Summit County’s paved recreational pathway system is plowed and open for use by cyclists, walkers and other nonmotorized users. The County’s Road and Bridge Department has cleared remaining snow off the County managed pathway segments except for Tenmile Canyon, where avalanche hazards exist.

“Recent warm weather has helped us open the recreational pathway system just as the Ski Areas close,” said Brad Eckert, Summit County Open Space and Trails Resource Specialist. “However, there are still wet and icy spots in shady locations and some sandy sites. Most backcountry trails are likely to be very muddy for several weeks, and we hope that the early opening of the Recpath will provide alternatives to avoid damage to trails during this time period when they are most fragile”

The Open Space and Trails Department requests that users be aware that maintenance vehicles may be encountered on the recpath. Actions planned for this summer include reconstruction of a section of the Vail Pass Recpath near Copper Mountain Resort, reconstruction of the section of the Dillon Dam recpath and Frisco Lakefront Recpath near Frisco, and improvements to sections of the Recpath near Summit Cove and Bill’s Ranch in Frisco. Also scheduled are improvements to signing, striping and pavement markings. Please slow down as you approach maintenance activities and always heed warning signs or the directions of authorized maintenance personal.

“Summit County and the Towns have created an outstanding system of pathways connecting our communities,” said County Commissioner Thomas Davidson. “The key to the success of this system is that all users, whether they are recreationists or commuters, are considerate of others.”

The Recpaths are shared by many forms of nonmotorized uses, including runners, walkers, dog walkers, in-line skaters, cyclists and special event participants. Anticipate crowded conditions, especially on weekends, and be prepared to slow down. To prevent collisions and allow uninterrupted travel, please pull off the pathway when stopping. Travel on the right side of the Recpath, pass on the left, and travel at a reasonable and safe speed, and in no event faster than the posted speed limit of 25 mph or less. All dogs must be on a leash on the Recpath, and please clean up after your pet.

Questions on the paved Recpath system can be directed to the Open Space and Trails Department at 668-4060.

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