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### **Swan Mountain Recpath - Sapphire Section to Open June 29**

**Summit County, Colorado** – The Sapphire phase of the Swan Mountain Recpath will be opened to the public after a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, June 29 at 11:00 a.m. “We are excited to open this new addition to the Swan Mountain Recpath. This is a major step toward completing the circle around Dillon Reservoir,” said Brad Eckert, Resource Specialist for Summit County Open Space and Trails Department.

This new 1.0-mile paved recreational pathway segment is the second phase of a multi-phase effort to complete the Recpath loop around Dillon Reservoir, through the construction of a safe grade-separated pathway to connect the areas of Keystone/Snake River Basin and Breckenridge/Upper Blue River Basin. The current Summit County Recpath system surrounds Dillon Reservoir on three sides, but no connection exists on the southern side of the reservoir. To connect with existing Recpath sections users must instead share the narrow, winding and busy Swan Mountain Road with motorized traffic.

“There were numerous funding partners in both the public and private sectors that helped make the Sapphire Section a reality,” said Commissioner Thomas Davidson. “The ribbon cutting will not only celebrate the opening of the Sapphire Section, but recognize the numerous entities for their hard work, dedication, support and fund raising efforts.” Once the ribbon is cut, people can ride or walk on the new Recpath.

In addition, a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction for the Summit Cove Section of the Swan Mountain Recpath will occur immediately following the dedication. The third phase will connect the Lowry Section with existing Recpath near State Highway 6 and Swan Mountain Road. “Private contributions have been key to completing this next section, and the Lowry and Sapphire Sections,” said Eckert.

The public is invited to attend both the ribbon cutting and groundbreaking. The ribbon cutting will take place at Sapphire Point off Swan Mountain Road. The groundbreaking will take place at the eastern terminus of the Lowry Section, off Royal Coachman Boulevard, in Summit Cove.

For more information on the Swan Mountain Recpath contact the Summit County Open Space and Trails Department at (970) 668-4060.

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