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Mill Creek Trail and Trailhead to Close For Repairs

Hamilton, Montana (August 13, 2020) – The Bitterroot National Forest is planning to rebuild a section of the damaged Mill Creek Trail #364 on the Stevensville Ranger District. The work is scheduled to begin next week and both the trail and trailhead, located west of Corvallis, will be closed during construction from August 17-25th.

This spring, high water from runoff eroded sections of the streambank and trail. Near milepost 0.5, a section of the trail was washed out into the creek. Crews were able to construct a temporary bypass around the failure for hikers, but the trail remains impassable to horses.

Bitterroot National Forest trail crew members will begin repairs on Monday. In addition to the trail closure, both the trailhead and Forest Road #1348 will also be closed. Signs will be posted in the area alerting the public to the closures. The trailhead will be closed as the crew will be staging equipment and also camping there.

Repairs to the trail will include building a 20 ft. wide by 10 ft. tall retaining wall, weighing approx. 96,000lbs/48 tons. The narrow trail corridor at the repair site is unsafe to the public due to rigging and jack hammer operations, caching of wall materials, and potential rolling rock.

Mill Creek Trail will be closed during reconstruction to the footbridge at milepost 0.75. The public can still access the trail past MP 0.75 from Cow Creek Trail #3. See attached map for additional details

For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at 406-777-5461.

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Mill Creek Closure for Trail Construction Project

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