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CITY PARTNERS TO IMPROVE ROAD IN CITY CREEK AREA
Work Done with Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service

The City of Pocatello, United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have been grading and improving drainage on the lower portion of the North Fork Road in the City Creek area. The road work will be completed by the end of the week and will be followed by a re-vegetation effort.

Erosion along the lower portion of the North Fork Road has resulted in significant amounts of sediment reaching City Creek, resulting in temporary closure of the road until mitigation efforts could be implemented. A collaborative effort between user groups, City staff and BLM staff resulted in the identification of a road improvement plan to improve drainage in the area and enhance user experience. The project will greatly reduce the amount of sediment that reaches City Creek.

Funding for this effort comes from a grant BLM received from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program. Additionally, the City and BLM are contributing staff time to manage this project.

Hannah Sanger, City Environmental Educator, stated, "This project exemplifies the strong partnership that exists between the City, local BLM and USFS offices and individual trail users. By sharing resources, we've been able to get a lot of work done fast on the North Fork Road, which is located on both City and BLM land."

This work will allow the City of Pocatello and the BLM to re-open the North Fork Road to motorized vehicles next spring when the entire City Creek area re-opens May 15, 2012, following winter closure. For more information, please contact Hannah Sanger, City Environmental Educator, at 234-6518.

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