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Cathedral Hills Trailhead Closed for Improvements

Medford, Ore. -- The main trailhead for Cathedral Hills at Espey Road will be closed to vehicles for several days beginning September 20, 2010. The BLM has awarded a contract to Copeland Paving, Inc., which will grade and pave the parking area. Line striping will also occur once the paving is completed. Please keep in mind that these activities are weather dependent and may be delayed until ideal conditions exist.

The Cathedral Hills Trail System is located just outside the City of Grants Pass and is a haven for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding enthusiasts. Over the past year, the area has received numerous upgrades including a restroom facility at the Espey trailhead, paving at the Sky Crest trailhead, trail maintenance, and improved trail signing. Within the next few months, a toilet facility will also be installed at the Sky Crest trailhead. Much of the trail work was accomplished by local youth and young adults working for Josephine County's Job Council and the Northwest Youth Corp.

While the Espey Trailhead will be closed to vehicle parking and traffic, there are two additional trailheads for Cathedral Hills that are open. The Sky Crest Trailhead can be accessed heading south on HWY 238 from Grants Pass, turning left on Harbeck Road than left on Grandview Avenue. Turn Right on Sky Way and continue to the top of the hill where the trailhead is at the junction of Sky Way and Sky Crest. The Walker Road trailhead can be accessed heading south on Cloverlawn Drive. Turn right on Ponderosa Lane and continue until Ponderosa Lane becomes Walker Lane. A small trailhead is on the right.

Additional information regarding recreation in Medford is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/recreation/activities.php>

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