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Spokane County to Restore a Critical Access Road and Reduce Erosion on Mica Peak in Partnership with Avista

SPOKANE COUNTY, October 3, 2017 - Starting on Wednesday, October 4th, Avista will begin restoration work on the access road that connects the Mica Peak Conservation Area to the trailhead parking area at the end of Belmont Road. This work is being performed ahead of their planned replacement of eight power poles along the Benewah Boulder Transmission Line, sections of which are within the Mica Peak Conservation Area.

The restoration work includes grading, installation of rolling drain dips to divert water into adjacent vegetated areas and the addition of rock check dams in existing ditches to slow runoff and prevent further erosion. Similar work will extend through a portion of Mica Peak Conservation Area, consistent with the Mica Peak Non-Motorized Recreation Plan developed in 2016 by the Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department in conjunction with local stakeholders.

The conservation area was acquired in 2012 with Conservation Futures funding, which provides for non-motorized passive recreational uses such as hiking and mountain biking.

Together, these measures will improve and maintain non-motorized public access to the Mica Peak Conservation Area while significantly reducing erosion-causing issues within the headwaters of California Creek. Work is expected to begin in early October and be completed in early November. The trail system is anticipated to stay open during this time, but access may be temporarily affected. For up-to-date information on this project, please visit www.spokanecounty.org/parks.

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