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New Glenrose Trailhead Breaking Ground

SPOKANE COUNTY, June 20, 2018 –Spokane County is breaking ground on a new trailhead parking area to serve the growing Glenrose Unit of Dishman Hills Conservation Area.

Located in the Glenrose Neighborhood at 3701 S. Thierman Road, the new trailhead will be fully paved and feature 20 parking stalls, natural landscaping and pathways connected for neighborhood access.

Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf will also be installing a pole and public webcam at the trailhead to improve the public's experience. "We're currently in the process of installing a similar set up at Stevens Creek Trailhead where patrons will be encouraged to view the webcam online before they head out to see how busy the trailhead is. If it's nearly full, visitors may decide to delay their trip, or visit one of our other trailheads to avoid the crowds," said Doug Chase, Director for Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf.

Paul Knowles, Special Projects Manager added, "We worked closely with neighborhood representatives during the planning process for this project to ensure that the trailhead compliments the neighborhood while addressing the needs of recreation users, the local fire district, Spokane County Public Works and other interested parties."

The project's estimated construction cost is \$330,000.00, which is being funded through a combination of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET2) and Conservation Futures Maintenance and Operations (M&O) funds.

Spokane County Commissioner Mary Kuney stated, "This is a project I've supported since becoming Commissioner. The Conservation Futures Program provides our citizens a unique opportunity to interact with nature while staying close to home. This trailhead will have a positive impact for Spokane County citizens for many years to come." The major construction phase of this project is predicted to continue through August of this year. During this time, public access via Glenrose will be closed to ensure public safety. Trailheads at Stevens Creek and Iller Creek will remain open during this time.

County Parks Director, Doug Chase said, "This project has been several years in the making working closely with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to have the Glenrose 160 property transferred to County ownership and then working with the neighborhood on the design of the trailhead. We're just thrilled to see this project come to fruition."

For more information on the Glenrose Trailhead project please visit: www.spokanecounty.org/parks/ and scroll down to "Popular Topics."

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