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NEWS RELEASE

Upcoming Water Main Line Reconstruction under the Animas River

Durango, CO: The City of Durango has contracted with S&S Construction to complete a water main line reconstruction under the Animas River beginning on September 12, 2017. The water main line is located behind River City Hall, crossing the Animas River near El Paso Street. Work is scheduled to last approximately four weeks, weather permitting.

As part of the water line reconstruction, coffer dams will be placed in the River to access the water line. The coffer dam location will be adjusted over the course of the reconstruction as the crews work their way across the River. Navigability of the river will be maintained for the river community, however river users should use caution around the work area. Animas River Trail users may also be detoured around the work area during the construction project for equipment to access the river.

The water main line services the parks in the area, which lost service when the water main line ruptured and was subsequently closed. Reconstruction of the water main line will allow for water service to return to Iris Park, Riverfront Park, Roosa Park, and Schneider Park, amongst other benefits including water pressure to the west side of the city.

For questions about the water main line reconstruction, contact City of Durango Utilities at 970-375-4801. For questions about the river access, contact City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department at 970-375-7321.

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