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NEWS RELEASE

Trail work at Horse Gulch includes Half Ridge, Powerline and Flame Out trails

Durango, CO: The Durango Parks and Recreation Department is working with Durango Trails and Southwest Conservation Corps to conduct trail work in Horse Gulch. Half Ridge, Powerline, and Flame Out Trails will be realigned during this project. Work began Wednesday April 20. Trail users should expect crews and equipment on these trails during project work.

“This is a very exciting and necessary project for the Horse Gulch trail system. Half Ridge Trail provides key connectivity in the trail system, but the lower section of this trail was never constructed to be a sustainable, enjoyable multi-use trail. It was likely an old access road that was on the ground when the City acquired the property, so was adopted into the trail system,” said Amy Schwarzbach, natural resources manager. “Durango Trails has designed a great new alignment that will address erosion issues and provide a much better trail experience.”

The goal of this trail stewardship project is to address erosion and resource degradation issues by realigning Half Ridge and Powerline Trails to more sustainable and enjoyable alignments, as well as address erosion caused by social trail creation near the Horse Gulch trailhead. The short section of Flame Out Trail to be rerouted is to provide connectivity to the new Half Ridge alignment. This project is funded in part by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and your Open Space, Parks, and Trails sales tax fund.

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