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SUBJECT: Temporary closure of about .6 mile of Provo River Parkway Trail

Provo, UT – The Provo River Parkway Trail from Geneva Road to Independence Avenue (about 0.6 mile) will be closed to the public for about a four-week period, starting November 18 through December 19.

Trail closure is necessary during reconstruction of the Fort Field Diversion Structure on the Provo River. Fish, particularly the endangered June sucker, currently are not able to swim over the structure - especially in low flow conditions. A new diversion will be built in the same location as the older structure, near the KOA campground, and will remedy the fish passage problem.

Reconstruction of the diversion structure includes replacing a short section of the pipeline that supplies irrigation water. The pipeline is located under the Provo River Parkway, also near the KOA Campground.

During Trail closure, the next access point from the Paul Ream Wilderness Park, on Independence Drive is the parking lot on Geneva Road, near the Provo River Bridge. To access this point: from the Parkway Trail at Independence Drive, take Independence Drive to 820 North and turn left, or west, toward Utah Lake. Go to the Geneva Road traffic light and turn left, or south, and return to the Parkway Trail at the parking lot just north of the Geneva Road Bridge over the Provo River.

The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission and its partners are responsible for reconstructing the Fort Field Diversion Structure. The Mitigation Commission is an independent Federal agency established by the Central Utah Project Completion Act of 1992. The Commission is responsible for planning, funding, and implementing projects that benefit fish, wildlife, and related recreation resources in order to offset impacts caused by the Central Utah Project, and other Federal water reclamation projects in Utah.

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