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SUBJECT: City of Duluth Cautions Against Use of Trails and Ice Rinks Due to Warm Weather

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[Duluth, MN] - In an effort to preserve our cross country ski trails and outdoor amenities for future use this season, the City of Duluth is asking the public to refrain from using ski trails and ice rinks. The impending three-day rain event that is predicted will create poor conditions for these outdoor activities and any activity will cause damage that requires intensive resources to repair and restore.

If the trails are soft and the temperatures are above freezing and/or it is raining, using the trails can cause damage that is very difficult for groomers to repair. The public is asked to help protect our trails and avoid using the system when conditions are not right. Protecting our ski trails and preserving the base will help ensure use of the system once weather conditions improve. Grooming will resume once temperatures allow.

For more information on skiing etiquette in marginal conditions, please visit <http://skinnyski.com/trails/display.asp?Id=28074>

Aside from the trails, the Duluth Parks and Recreation staff is closing the ice rink at Bayfront Festival Park until further notice. The warmer weather is melting the ice making it unsuitable for skating. The City cautions the public against using other outdoor ice rinks in City parks due to the current conditions. The Parks and Recreation staff will reassess public use of the ice rinks after this weekend.

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