

New Release for the Repair of the Virgin River Trail – Seven Sites North of I-15

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The City of Saint George is excited to announce the trail damaged during the December 2010 flood has started. The trail was damaged in seven locations upstream of Interstate-15 during the December 2010 flood. The City has contracted with Progressive Contracting, Incorporated (PCI) to repair the trail. Construction started last week and will be complete in April 2012. The trail will be opened immediately following construction.

The combined cost to repair the seven sites is approximately \$800,000. The projects are mostly funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by reimbursing the City approximately 75% of the repair costs. Construction plans were prepared by the engineering firm of Bowen Collins & Associates. The repair project environmental documentation and construction plans were carefully reviewed and approved by several federal agencies including FEMA, the Army Corp of Engineers and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. PCI is working closely with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Virgin River Program to insure protection of fish and wildlife in the area and environmental compliance throughout construction.

The City and PCI request people using the trail system respect the trail closure signs until construction is complete. Occasionally the contractor must temporarily move the large closure sign that usually blocks the trail while they enter and exit during construction. Please do not go past the trail closure signs and do enter into the construction areas until the trails are permanently opened in April.

Two other trail segments were damaged during the December 2010 flood are scheduled for repair. One site is on the Santa Clara River Trail north of Tonaquint Park. The other site is on the Virgin River Trail south of the Man O' War Bridge in Bloomington. The City and engineering consultants continue to work with federal and local agencies to meet environmental requirements and to obtain construction plan approval. The Santa Clara River Trail is expected to be repaired this summer. The Virgin River Trail segment south of the Man O' War Bridge is expected to be repaired this fall.

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