

Howelsen Hill Soil Remediation Project Shores Up Face

Repairs Stabilize Key Trail Area for Foreseeable Future

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 13, 2020-Engineers and soil experts will slide into Howelsen Hill next week and begin a soil remediation project as part of ongoing stabilization efforts at the historic ski area.

“Soil instability has been an ongoing challenge at Howelsen Hill Ski Area,” said Howelsen Ski & Rodeo Manager Brad Setter. “While we’ve been able to address smaller slide areas in house, this specific project tackles a more critical area of the hill.”

Geostabilization International will be working with Native Excavating to install four rows of ground anchors, up to 30 feet deep, which will shore up the soil movement in the vicinity of the 3rd exit of the Face.

The project is intended to protect infrastructure on the upper Face, including a Poma lift tower, a light pole, snow gun tower, and snowmaking water and electric lines. These efforts will safeguard against what could be costly future repairs as the instability grows in size and depth over the past four years.



Studies have identified that without mechanical stabilization in this area, the instability would continue to threaten key operational components. The work is funded through the city’s capital improvement projects and the repairs are expected to bolster this vital area of the upper Face for the foreseeable future.

The project is anticipated to last approximately three weeks starting Monday, August 17. Crews will access Howelsen Hill via Blackmer Drive and Wrens run and the work will run approximately 10 hours a day from Monday through Saturday depending upon conditions. Please stay off the Face throughout the duration of the project and be aware of increased traffic in effected areas.

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