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Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Pavement Project

Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery will begin a pavement replacement project that will include new asphalt along the entrance road, hatchery parking and housing areas. The roadway through the Spring Creek State Park windsurfing site will be resurfaced and the parking area will be leveled with gravel.

The existing pavement has been in place for more than 30 years and has deteriorated to the point that replacement is necessary.

The project will start June 1st with an estimated completion date of June 30th. Due to safety concerns there will be full and partial closure to the State Park windsurfing site and the fish hatchery during the project. Spring Creek State Park and Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery will be closed June 4th and 7th and partially closed June 8th and 9th. Partial closure means there will be limited access and parking to the site during those dates. Additional closures will occur near the end of June for the final paving. Project hours will be limited to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. There will be no weekend or holiday work.

For additional information contact Columbia Hills State Park at 509-767-1159. For technical project information contact Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery at 509-493-1730.

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