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DETENTION BASIN AT GAILEY TRAIL

Construction is occurring on a detention basin near the east end of Gailey Trail. This detention basin is not something that was just recently discussed, planned, or decided upon. It has been part of the City's plans for several years and was part of the City's plan when Lloyd Road was designated to cross the hollow and connect at Fence Post Road. Those plans have since changed, with the extension of Lloyd Road running west along US89 and connecting again at Green Road, however the need for the detention basin still remains necessary and important to the City. Fruit Heights and its elected officials understand the far reaching impacts that the US89 project is having on all of its residents, it's not convenient, it's not pleasant, and these changes are impacting what we have all grown accustomed to.

As part of the HWY-89 project; UDOT is constructing a detention basin that has been on the City's long term Storm Water Plan for a number of years. The purpose of this basin is to help control storm water that is being channeled into the Bair Creek drainage. Over the years, Fruit Heights City has dealt with fluctuating stream levels that have caused localized flooding, regular damaged the Gailey Trail, and at times threatened private property. With the planned improvements to US89, this basin has become necessary to help control the storm water flows down Bair Creek and also comply with State and Federal Storm Water requirements.

So that the basin can be properly constructed, it is necessary that the trees and vegetation within the construction area of the basin are removed to allow for the shaping of the basin, installation of the necessary piping and storm water control structures, as well as the construction of an earth berm at the west end of the basin. It is anticipated that this work will continue over the next several months as UDOT begins to move construction efforts south toward the planned Nicholls Road crossing and Lloyd Road extension.

Once the pond is complete, the City has plans to plant trees outside the detention basin. At this time the City hasn't made any plans for how the basin could be used for recreational purposes, but City leaders will be seeking input and suggestions from the residents on potential uses and ideas for the area. The Mayor, City Council, and City Staff are mindful of the beauty of this area and are also mindful of the impact to this area with the construction of the detention basin. Once the work is complete the City's plan includes the reestablishment of a trail around the basin as well as reestablishing the natural beauty of the area where people will continue to enjoy walking in the outdoors with their family and friends.

We appreciate your questions and your concerns.

Respectfully;

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