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Good morning everyone,

Section 17 trails

Now that Flagstaff has returned to Stage 2 restrictions, we have re-opened the Section 17 trails and look forward to seeing our hikers and dog-walkers once again. Thank you for your patience during the height of the recent fires.

Please do be careful and remain clear of the Astronomy Discovery Center site starting next week:

Astronomy Discovery Center

ADC construction will begin in earnest on July 12. Our contractor, BEC Southwest, will first be clearing the site and laying down the pad for the building. This will mean a certain amount of excavation and logging equipment going up and down Mars Hill Road. The immediate impact will be a jarring change to the landscape on the building site as trees are removed; however the construction plan does attempt to work the building into the topography and includes landscaping and replanting as the building and parking lot are finished. We'll do our best to have everything looking harmonious when it's completed.

I will include a report in each future community update on exactly what's going on. Allowing for some schedule contingency, I am hoping no later than early 2024 will see commencement of the opening festivities.

Best regards,

Jeff