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Gravel Removal and Bank Stabilization Work in Uncompahgre River at Rollans Park to Begin on March 3rd

Ridgway, CO – On the morning of Monday, March 3rd, work will begin on a gravel removal, channeling, and bank stabilization project in the section of the Uncompahgre River along Rollans Park in Ridgway. The purpose of the work is to ensure the proper flow of the Uncompahgre River by removing gravel buildup and adjusting flow lanes. Another aim of the project is to rebuild the west bank along the pedestrian path.



Work will include excavating and moving river gravel from the pedestrian bridge area, starting from the concrete rock structure within the Uncompahgre River and proceeding north. Work will also include the rebuilding of the west bank using material from the east bank gravel bar, and removal of excess gravel material.

The work is necessary to meet the maintenance requirements of the Town's existing permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to protect the Rollans Park area and surrounding properties from damage caused by continued streambank erosion.

Work will be completed by a third-party contractor with the assistance of personnel from the Town's Public Works Department. The work is expected to take about 10 days and will be weather dependent. Large equipment like excavators, a loader, and a dump truck will be observed in the area. The parking lot at Rollans Park will be closed for the duration of the project.

For questions or concerns about the project, contact Preston Neill, Town Manager at pneill@town.ridgway.co.us or 970-626-5308, ext. 212.

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